

# Is your glass furniture safe?

SANS 17 is changing, will your glass table top be compliant.



A great deal of modern furniture involves glass in its construction, from glass-topped coffee tables to glass shelves on bookcases.

Glass adds a contemporary look to any piece, catching the eye and adding a unique, stylish note to any room.

Most glass furniture is made with thick **Toughened Safety Glass**, ensuring its stability.

Amendments to SANS 17 are currently out for public comment. The biggest change in this standard is that all glass in furniture, which is within 1200mm from finished floor level, will need to be safety glass which is compliant to SANS 1263 -1.

Safety glass is marked with the manufacturers/installers logo or trademark and the numerical number 1, which should make the glass top easily identifiable as a safety glass fit for human impact.

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"More consumers nowadays are aware that their buying choices have an affect on the environment and are moving towards having natural and sustainable furniture in their homes.

The London Plein root (pictured) is one such example. In the past these roots would be either discarded or burnt but with a bit of creativity and master craftsmanship they can be transformed into impressive feature pieces in anyone's home. Every root system is unique and this ensures that no two tables are alike.

Thick profile **safety glass** is used to accentuate the beauty of the root and give it an elegant finish.

Over and above the safety aspect of having toughened glass in your home, it is also 4-5 times stronger than annealed glass and has great thermal resistant properties. It will ensure that the glass is less likely to break because of its increased strength but if it does it shouldn't cause injury."

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