

## *Standards for products*

### *British standards (BSI and kite mark):*

- The BSI works with industry and government to produce a set of standards to assure consumers that products are well produced, safe and fit for purpose
- A standard is a published document that shows an agreed way of doing something, and provides an assurance of consistently reliable and safe products
- The BSI kite mark is a quality mark
- It is used on hundreds of products from cycle helmets to children's toys, manhole covers to electric plug casings

### *European (CEN and CE):*

- The European Community sets minimum standards of safety and manufacturing quality,
- Applies across all member countries of the European economic community (EEC)
- Manufacturers working to the 'lowest' limit, can display the CE symbol on their products
- The CE marking shows the manufacture has checked the product meets EU safety, health or environment requirements
- The CE mark allows the free movement of products within the European market

### *International standards (ISO):*

- ISO is an independent, non-government international organization with a membership of 161 national standards bodies
- Through its members, it brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant international standards
- ISO supports innovation and provides solutions to global challenge
- They give world-class specifications for products, services and systems to ensure quality, safety and efficiency