

Together, we set the standards for safety, quality and sustainability in barefoot shoes.

Researchproject BarfuSys

Barefoot shoes in practical testing

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Barefoot shoes are all the rage – but just how safe, comfortable and sustainable are they really? And how well do barefoot shoes preserve the natural movement patterns of walking barefoot?

As part of the 'BarfuSys' research project, the Prüf- und Forschungsinstitut Pirmasens e.V. (PFI) intends to conduct a comprehensive study of this category of footwear:

- Quality & Safety
- Exposure to harmful substances
- Comfort & Hygiene
- Sustainability
- Adaptation of testing methods



PROJECT GOALS:

In this project, the PFI aims to investigate and evaluate the category of barefoot shoes in terms of **quality, safety, levels of harmful substances, comfort and sustainability.**

The aim is to establish appropriate test methods, evaluation criteria and their limit values for barefoot shoes, taking into account **protective functions, sustainability and consumer safety.**

The aim is therefore to develop methodological foundations for the systematic characterisation of barefoot shoes.

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“Spotlight on barefoot shoes – for greater safety, comfort and sustainability.”