

**LOG OF MEETING  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of the ASTM In-Bed Sleepers Subcommittee Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 17, 2020

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Virtual (teleconference)

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Celestine Kish (ESHF)

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Celestine Kish

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Contact ASTM for attendee list.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The Subcommittee Chair requested the call in response to a staff letter sent on July 09, 2020. He wanted to know the purpose of the letter and what staff is suggestions regarding the development of the voluntary standard. Ms. Kish reiterated that staff is concerned with the ability to develop an effective in-bed sleeper standard that results in “safe” products. There was discussion about the data and parental responsibilities. There was discussion about bed sharing and the need for products like in-bed sleepers to prevent roll-over on infants who are bed sharing with parents. Ms. Kish explained that the SNPR for Infant Sleep Products directs staff to work toward all infant sleep products meeting one of the four regulated infant sleep products. Staff acknowledged that there are deaths in those products also, but that where deaths can be prevented due to product design, staff is working toward that goal. Ms. Kish explained that as a result of the incident data involving infant inclined sleep products, that CPSC staff was taking a step back and looking at the broader issue of safe infant sleep. Staff has concerns that the incident data for in-bed sleepers indicates that the products are designed in such a way that parents are able to use the product in unintended ways that have resulted in deaths. There was discussion about how the standard might need to address different types of in-bed sleepers, such as firm-sided and non-firm-sided. One member suggested that the discussion about how the standard is being developed should be part of a subcommittee meeting and not on this particular call. The subcommittee chair asked if CPSC staff would continue to participate and Ms. Kish indicated that at this point, yes. The subcommittee chair said they will continue working on the standard.