



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Subcommittee Meeting

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

DATE OF MEETING: 5/22/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/In-Person (ASTM Headquarters, 100 Barr Harbor, West Conshohocken, PA)

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Brad Gordon

FILING DATE: 6/13/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Brad Gordon (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Maya Kim (LSM), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Tim Smith (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), and Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the full attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

Incident Data

The ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers subcommittee discussed incident data for step stools and standing towers. The incident data covered categories such as durability, stability, falls, and small parts. One member asked if CPSC staff can provide incident data for recalled units. CPSC staff conveyed that the request would be taken into consideration.

Age, Heights, and Guardrails

The subcommittee discussed ages and heights, relative to guardrails. One member opined that the child's waist height should be below the guardrail height, for all ages, in order to prevent children from falling forward or backward. Another member pointed out that the incident data suggest that children may be falling from their side (as opposed to from the front or back). No consensus was reached.

Performance Requirements

The subcommittee was informed that the currently proposed performance requirements for standing towers would need revision based on CPSC staff's finding that a *recalled* standing tower was able to meet the requirements. The subcommittee then discussed incorporating portions of the stability requirements from the



U.S. and European high chair standards into the draft standard. There was some deliberation without resolution as to whether and to what extent stability testing should account for forward tipping of products that are intended to be used only with another standing fixture directly in front of the products. During this discussion, the subcommittee also considered implications of the product's weight and whether the child can move the product. The subcommittee discussed whether step stools and standing towers should have separate folding requirements, given that both have different requirements for locking and latching mechanisms.

In-person Meeting this Summer/Fall

The subcommittee agreed to schedule an in-person meeting this summer or fall with the intention of finalizing the draft standard.

Next Steps:

The Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Task Group will continue working on the pending items discussed at the subcommittee meeting. The Task Group plans to meet on June 6, 2024 from 3–4:30 PM EST.