

## Memorandum

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Attached is U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff's Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Midyear Voluntary Standards Tracking Activities Report (VSTAR), covering the period October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Campbell at: <a href="mailto:jcampbell@cpsc.gov">jcampbell@cpsc.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:VoluntaryStandards@cpsc.gov">VoluntaryStandards@cpsc.gov</a>.



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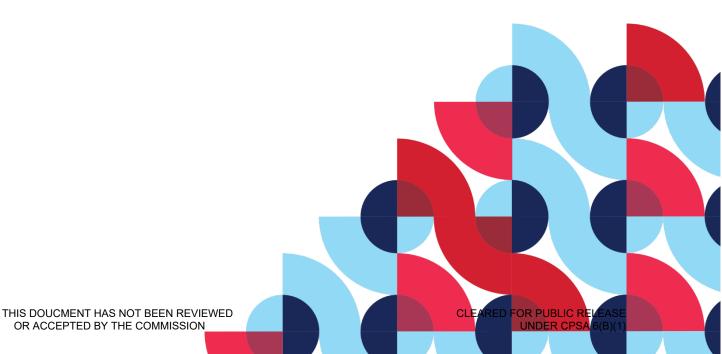
# Voluntary Standards Tracking **Activity Report**

FY 2022 MIDYFAR REPORT

OR ACCEPTED BY THE COMMISSION

(October 1, 2021-March 31, 2022)

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## **U.S. CPSC Staff Voluntary Standards Activities:**

Reporting Period October 1, 2021–March 31, 2022

#### Introduction

Voluntary standards play an important role at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Under some CPSC statutes, if a relevant voluntary standard addresses the risk of injury that a consumer product presents, the Commission could issue a mandatory standard, if the voluntary standard is not likely to adequately reduce the risk of injury, or there is not likely to be substantial compliance with the voluntary standard. Additionally, some provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) include sections regarding certain voluntary standards. Specifically, section 104 of the CPSIA requires the Commission to promulgate mandatory consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These mandatory standards are to be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than these voluntary standards, if the Commission determines that more stringent requirements will further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product.

## **VSTAR Content and Organization**

The VSTAR is issued biannually as: (1) a Mid-Year Report, covering the period from October 1 through March 31, and (2) an Annual Report of the CPSC fiscal year, which covers the period from October 1 to September 30. This document is the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Midyear Report.

Voluntary standards activities are managed by various standards developing organizations (SDOs), most of these organizations accredited by the American National Standards Institute<sup>1</sup> (ANSI). While most of the voluntary standards discussed in this report are developed by ASTM, International (ASTM) and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)<sup>2</sup>, staff works with several other SDOs that support consumer product safety activities. This report contains a listing of all the SDOs working with staff on voluntary standards and includes their abbreviated designation(s) in the Appendix at the end of this report.

The VSTAR includes a table listing the voluntary standards that staff contributed to and that were initially published or revised during the reporting period. Additionally, this report identifies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), American Pyrotechnics Association (APA), and The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) are not accredited by ANSI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>UL, an ANSI accredited SDO, is distinct from UL, LLC a product testing and certification laboratory that was formerly part of UL.

staff who were approved to vote on a voluntary standard or hold a leadership position on a standards body during the reporting period.

Lastly, the VSTAR contains a section for each product, product area, or hazard associated with voluntary standards work, as outlined in the FY 2022 CPSC Operating Plan (Op Plan). The FY 2022 Op Plan lists 83 different products, product areas, or hazards for which staff plans to be actively involved in developing voluntary standards during the fiscal year. The voluntary standards covered in this report provide safety provisions addressing potential hazards associated with consumer products found in homes, schools, and recreation areas. More than 40 different staff serve as designated representatives (DRs) for the voluntary standards work that covers the 83 products, product areas, or hazards outlined in this report.

The entries are organized into similar activities with the following groupings:

- Children's Products and Hazards
  - Durable Infant and Juvenile Products
  - Other Children's Products and Hazards
- Emerging Technology
- Home Products and Hazards
- Recreation
- Codes, Analytical Methods, and Labeling.

Each VSTAR entry includes the following information:

**Purpose:** The purpose of staff's involvement with the voluntary standard(s)

**Staff Contact:** The name of staff leading the activity (i.e., the designated

representative, DR)

**Voluntary Standard(s):** The designation(s) and name(s) of existing voluntary standards,

potential new voluntary standards, and ISO standards associated with the product, with which staff is, was, or may be actively involved. The designation and titles for new or updated voluntary standards are in **bold font**. Titles for current voluntary standards are in **italics**, and titles of draft or potential standards are in plain

font (not bold and non-italicized).

**Standard(s) Update:** Any updates to the voluntary standards or potential new

voluntary standards with staff's participation

**Relevant Rulemaking:** Any associated CPSC mandatory standard(s), proposed

regulation(s), and any relevant petitions, regardless of status. This subsection also includes updates to any of the petitions, mandatory standards, or proposed regulations noted in the

subsection above

**Activities:** A high-level description of the activity associated with the

voluntary standards that occurred during the reporting period.

Staff and Commission activities are highlighted in this

subsection. There are sections summarizing staff-attended meetings, documented standards-related staff communications, and relevant ballot activity. It is noted when staff did not attend any meetings, did not send any documented communication, or

there were no ballots.

**Next Action:** Staff's anticipated actions on the voluntary standards and

associated mandatory standards. This subsection also includes any recommendations associated with the voluntary standard.

VSTAR entries provide a high-level description of staff's activity for the reporting period. For further information on meeting activity, staff meeting logs may be found at: <a href="Newsroom-FOIA">Newsroom-FOIA</a> <a href="CPSC.gov">CPSC.gov</a>. Staff correspondence may be found on the CPSC Voluntary Standards website at: <a href="https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Voluntary-Standards">https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Voluntary-Standards</a>.

## **Updated Standards**

Table 1 lists the 11 revised, renewed, or new voluntary standards that staff actively engaged in revising or developing, and that were published during the period October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Details regarding the revisions can be found in the applicable product sections of this report. The designations and titles of these 11 voluntary standards are shown in bold font in the applicable activity section.

**Table 1: New or Revised Voluntary Standards Published** 

#### October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

Title	SDO	Standard Designation	Published	DR	New, Revision, Renewal
Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Crib Mattresses	ASTM	F2933	Oct-21	Nesteruk	Revision
Standard Test Method for Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas	ASTM	F3512	Oct-21	Newens	New
Standard Specification for Flame Mitigation Devices on Portable Fuel Containers	ASTM	F3326	Oct-21	Ayers	New
Standard Guide for Ensuring the Safety of Connected Consumer Products	ASTM	F3463	Oct-21	Lee, S	Revision
Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Baby Changing Products for Domestic Use	ASTM	F2388	Jan-22	Mella, L	Revision
Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs	ASTM	F404	Jan-22	Marques, S	Revision
Standard Specification for Portable Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel Containers for Consumer Use	ASTM	F852	Jan-22	Ayers, S	Revision
Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Sealed Storage Chests such as Cedar Chests, Hope Chests, Blanket Chests, Keepsake Chests	ASTM	F2598	Feb-22	Verdino, P	Revision
Standard Safety Specification for Liquid Laundry Packets	ASTM	F3159	Mar-22	Hurley, J	Renewal
Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Home Playground Equipment	ASTM	F1148	Mar-22	Lee, K	Revision
Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Tubs	ASTM	F2670	Mar-22	Foster, Z	Revision

## **Voting and Leadership Roles**

In accordance with 16 CFR part 1031, Commission Participation and Commission Employee Involvement in Voluntary Standards Activities, the VSTAR report includes information about staff voting and leadership activities. These activities are approved annually. In the first half of FY 2022, the Office of the Executive Director (OEX) approved one new staff leadership role and renewed three staff voting requests and one new voting request. There are seven additional voting or leadership activities that have carried over from FY 2021. Listed below are the active leadership and voting approvals during the reporting period:

Staff Name	Date of Approval	New Approval or Renewal	Vote or Leadership	Standards Body and Standard
Thomas, T.	Dec-21	New	Leadership	UL 2904, 3D Printer Emissions
Kish, C.	Jan-22	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F15.18 Infant Inclined Sleep Products
Kish, C.	Jan-22	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F15.18, Bassinets/Cradles
Kish, C.	Jan-22	New	Voting	ASTM F15.18, Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs and Play Yards
Harsanyi, S.	Jan-22	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F15.77, Adult Magnets
Ayers, S.	Apr-21	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F15.72, Flame Mitigation Devices on Disposable Fuel Containers*
Ayers, S.	Apr-21	Renewal	Leadership	ASTM F15.72, Flame Mitigation Devices on Disposable Fuel Containers*
Ayers, S.	Apr-21	Renewal	Leadership	ANSI/CSA Z21 Gas Ranges*
Smith, T.	Apr-21	New	Voting	ANSI Z535 Safety Colors and Signs*
Talcott, K.	Apr-21	New	Voting	ASTM F15.42 Clothing Storage Units*
Ayers, S.	Apr-21	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F15.10 Gasoline Containers*
Ayers, S.	May-21	New	Voting	UL 30 Safety Cans*

<sup>\*</sup>Voting or leadership activity carried over from FY 2021.

# FY 2022 Staff Voluntary Standards Activities Summary

#### Children's Products and Hazards

#### **Durable Infant and Juvenile Products**

The voluntary standards listed in this section are durable infant or toddler products. Section 104 of the CPSIA directed the Commission to work with stakeholders and SDOs to develop consumer product safety standards for durable infant and toddler products. Once a regulation is promulgated, the Commission is notified of any updates to the standard. Unless the Commission acts, the revised standard will replace the previous rule in 180 days. However, if the Commission determines that the proposed revised standard does not improve the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard, the Commission may notify the SDO that the applicable mandatory children's product safety rule remains unchanged.

#### Bassinets/Cradles

Purpose	To work with ASTM to e	ensure that the voluntary	standard and the
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corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with bassinets and cradles.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bassinets and Cradles

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1218, Safety Standard for Bassinets and Cradles

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the subcommittee on safe sleep issues related to bassinets and cradles. During the reporting period, staff provided data on cantilever bassinets and in-bed sleepers, participated in task group meetings on bassinet and cradle scope and performance requirements, and provided feedback on the agency's recommendations for maintaining or improving safety of these products.

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#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.18 subcommittee meeting to discuss ballot outcomes (compact bassinets will be added to standard) and task group updates. The issue of "legs" on bassinets resulted in the formation of a new task group.

Staff participated in a task group meeting to discuss issues related to baby boxes, such as potential suffocation hazards from lids and potential structural failures due to lack of water repellency.

Staff participated in task group meetings to discuss scope and definition issues, such as the issue of a requirement for a "leg-based" frame and how it can be characterized with stability testing and whether in-bed sleepers would be in scope of the new definition.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
12/8/2021	Incident Data	Staff provided ASTM F15.18 subcommittee cantilever bassinet incident data along with a letter requested that a task group be formed to review incidents and propose performance requirements.
12/8/2021	IDI	Staff provided ASTM F15.18 subcommittee a redacted IDI for an in-bed sleeper bassinet.

## Applicable Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2021	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(21-07) item (4) struck the term "bassinet/cradle" from the side height requirements to be more inclusive of different bassinet designs. Staff submitted a comment supporting side heights of at least 7.5 inches. The ballot item passed.
October 2021	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(21-07) item (5) to find a previous staff negative vote on the "compact bassinet" definition, stability test, and side height non-persuasive. Staff's negative vote was found non-persuasive.
November 2021	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(21-08) item (1) addressed suffocation concerns with lids on "baby boxes." The item did not pass; the subcommittee found negative vote(s) persuasive and removed the item from the ballot.
March 2022	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(22-02) items (3, 4) addressed water repellency and suffocation concerns with lids on "baby boxes." The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, including the

next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

Bedside Sleepers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with bedside sleepers.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F2906- Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bedside Sleepers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1222, Safety Standard for Bedside Sleepers

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled

for May 2022.

**Booster Seats** 

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with booster seats.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Title current version

ASTM F2640-18	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for
	Booster Seats

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1237, Safety Standard for Booster Seats

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee to address safety issues related to booster seats. During the reporting period, staff emailed the subcommittee chair the annual booster seat data review.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
11/23/21	Data	Annual booster seat data review. Staff did not
		identify any fatalities or new hazard patterns.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

#### Carriages and Strollers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with carriages and strollers.

**Staff Contact** Talcott, Kristen

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Carriages and Strollers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1227, Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers

The mandatory standard was updated on November 18, 2021 [86 FR 64349] with an effective date of February 15, 2022.

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee to address safety issues related to carriages and strollers. During the reporting period, staff presented a direct final rule (DFR) briefing package to the Commission, attended a subcommittee meeting, and developed questions for the subcommittee on testing issues.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where members discussed the potential implications of the CPSC final rule for infant sleep products on carriages and strollers, leading to formation of a task group to appeal to CPSC for guidance on the issue. Members also discussed testing questions from staff. Staff plans to send a list of redrafted questions requested by the subcommittee members.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

#### Changing Products

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with baby changing products.

#### Staff Contact

Mella, Lawrence

#### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2388-21	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Baby Changing Products for Domestic Use

#### Standard(s) Update

On February 1, 2022, ASTM notified staff that it had published ASTM F2388-21, the latest revision to the *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Baby Changing Products for Domestic Use*. This revision updates a figure to align information with other standards using the same testing apparatus. Staff was preparing a briefing package for Commission consideration at the end of the reporting period.

Staff evaluated the changes to the rule and, at the end of the reporting period, planned to deliver a briefing package to the Commission in April.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1235, Safety Standard for Baby Changing Products

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee on safety issues related to baby changing products. During the reporting period, staff provided input that there were no incidents that specifically indicated contoured changing pads and provided input to discussion of potential changes for new designs in the market.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where members were updated on task groups for cribs/changers, metal fasteners, and CPSC incident data. Members also discussed four new issues: new products on the market, travel diaper changing stations and wearables, contoured changing pads and frames, and they discussed that the subcommittee chair was stepping down. Staff participated in two task group meetings on contoured changing pads.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2021	ASTM F2388	This revision updated a figure, to align information with other standards using the same testing apparatus. Two administrative negatives were withdrawn in November 2021, and the ballot item passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in the next task group or subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

#### Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with children's folding chairs and stools.

#### Staff Contact

Lee, Kevin

#### **Voluntary** Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Children's Chairs and Stools

#### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1232, Safety Standard for Children's Folding Chairs and

Children's Folding Stools

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.59 subcommittee to address hazards associated with children's chairs and stools. During the reporting period, staff participated in the head entrapment task group to establish a

test for head entrapment hazards in these products.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in task group meetings to develop a new head

entrapment performance requirement between elastic components. Staff provided the task group with head entrapment test methods from the CPSC public playground handbook and other ASTM juvenile product

standards.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
12/22/2021	Data	Annual children's folding chair data review. Staff did not identify any fatalities or new hazard patterns.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

#### Commercial Cribs

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with cribs in commercial settings,

such as hotels and childcare centers.

**Staff Contact** Taxier. Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Commercial Cribs

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1219, Safety Standard for Full-Size Cribs, and CFR part

1220, Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee to address hazards associated with commercial cribs. There was no activity during

the reporting period.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will provide the subcommittee an update on incident data. Staff will

participate in any subcommittee meetings that are scheduled.

# Crib Mattresses (including After-Market Mattresses for Play Yards and Non-Full-Size Cribs)

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards and form the basis of a federal standard intended to reduce hazards associated with crib and aftermarket mattresses.

#### Staff Contact

Taxier, Daniel

#### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2933-21a	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Crib Mattresses

#### Standard(s) Update

In October 2021, ASTM published a revision to ASTM F2933- 21, ASTM F2933- 21a *Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Crib Mattresses*, which changed warnings and instructions in the standard. Staff voted against the ballot items, but the vote was found non-persuasive.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

The notice of proposed rule (NPR) for the *Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses* was published in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 67906) on October 26, 2020. On February 15, 2022, the Commission published the final rule (87 FR 8640) with an effective date of August 15, 2022. The final rule references ASTM F2933-21, the previous version of the voluntary standard.

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.66 subcommittee on safe sleep issues related to crib mattresses. During the reporting period, staff

participated in task groups and related activities, as well as presented a

final rule to the Commission.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in an ASTM F15.66 subcommittee meeting to discuss

ballot outcomes, including discussions on the ballot that found staff's negative comment non-persuasive, which led to publication of the new revision. Task group updates were also discussed and focused on

reviewing staff's draft final rule package.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, including the

next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

#### Frame Child Carriers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with frame child carriers.

Staff Contact Lee, Kevin

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Frame Child Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1230, Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on safety issues related to frame child carriers. During the reporting period, staff participated in two ASTM task group meetings. Staff worked with the task group to update the ad hoc warning language, stability requirements, and

the dynamic load test.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in tasks group meetings for testing updates and editorial

and Ad Hoc language updates.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Bal	lot	(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2022	ASTM F2549	Ballot F15(22-02) item (5) added new test requirements, increased the scope of products covered, corrected incorrect citations and refined some passages, and updated Ad Hoc language. The ballot item passed.

#### Next Action

Staff expects to receive notification once the standard is published in June 2022.

#### Full-Size Cribs

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with full-size cribs.

#### Staff Contact

Taxier, Daniel

#### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1169-19	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Full- Size Cribs

#### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1219, Safety Standard for Full-Size Cribs

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee and related task groups on safe sleep issues, including inclined sleep surfaces. During the reporting period, staff provided data on full-size cribs and participated in a task group meeting to discuss proposed sleep angle requirements for full-size cribs and other infant sleep products.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM task group meeting to discuss proposed requirements for full-size cribs, non-full-size cribs, and play yards that would address the incline angle of these products.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
10/20/2021	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with the
		incident data for full-size cribs from January
		2017 through July 2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff expects to receive notification once the standard is published and

will participate in related upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

#### Gates and Expandable Enclosures

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with expansion gates and

expandable enclosures.

**Staff Contact** Torres, Carlos

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F1004-21

Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1239, Safety Standard for Gates and Enclosures

The updated rule became effective in January 2022.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee on improving the safety of gates and enclosures. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and a task group

meeting on retractable gates.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and a task group meeting

on retractable gates. The task group meeting was in response to a safety

issue with retractable gates raised by staff in a 2020 letter, which provided data to the subcommittee and advocated for a new fabric

performance requirement for certain types of gates. Also, staff suggested including a warning label on the "hook side" of the gate to alert about

these issues.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

#### Handheld Infant Carriers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with hand-held infant carriers.

**Staff Contact** DeGrano, Frederick

Voluntary Standard(s)

Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1225, Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

#### High Chairs

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing high chair hazards.

**Staff Contact** Marques, Stefanie

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM F404-21	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for
	High Chairs

Standard(s) Update In January 2022, ASTM published ASTM F404-21, the latest revision to the *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs*. This revision includes changes to the design and placement of the test weight for stability testing. On January 24, 2021, ASTM notified CPSC of an update to the standard. Staff was preparing a briefing package for Commission consideration at the end of the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1231, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High

Chairs.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee on improving safety of high chairs. During the reporting period, staff participated in task group meetings on placement of the test weights for

the stability test requirements.

*Meeting(s)* Staff participated in a meeting where the subcommittee discussed ballot

results (F15 21-05, item 4) and moved the standard forward for

publication.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/20/2022	Incident	Staff provided the subcommittee with the
	Data	incident data for high chairs from March 2017
		through July 2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** The Commission will review and vote on the latest revision of the

standard. There is no high chairs subcommittee meeting scheduled in

May 2022.

#### **Infant Bath Seats**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant bath seats.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1967-19	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Seats

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1215, Safety Standard for Infant Bath Seats

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

#### **Infant Bath Tubs**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant bath tubs.

**Staff Contact** Foster, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2670-22	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Tubs

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1234, Safety Standard for Infant Bath Tubs

In March 2022, ASTM published ASTM F2670-22, the latest revision to the *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Tubs*. This revision includes changes to the introduction, references, marking and labeling provisions, and resistance to collapse. On March 28, 2022, ASTM notified CPSC of an update to the standard. Staff was preparing a briefing package for Commission consideration at the end of the reporting

period.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.20 subcommittee on issues related to stability and resistance to collapse of infant bath tubs. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings on stability and resistance to collapse. Staff also began preparing a briefing package for Commission consideration.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and several task group meetings related to latching and locking mechanisms and stability.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022		Ballot F15(21-10) addressed latching and locking mechanisms. The ballot item passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in any upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings. The next subcommittee or task group meeting has not been scheduled. Staff will also deliver a briefing package to the Commission in June.

#### **Infant Bouncer Seats**

**Purpose** To work with AST

To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant bouncer seats.

Staff Contact

Wanna-Nakamura, Suad

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2167-19	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bouncer Seats

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1229, Safety Standard for Infant Bouncer Seats

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant bouncer seats. During the reporting period, staff provided incident data to the subcommittee and reviewed a ballot proposal.

Meeting(s)	Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/20/2022		Staff provided the subcommittee with the
	Data	incident data for infant bouncer seats for June
		2017 through July 2021.

Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022		Ballot F15(21-10, item 7) addressed warning language. The ballot item passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings for infant bouncer seats on May 23, 2022. Staff will email a summary of the 2021 annual data review of incidents to the ASTM subcommittee chair in June 2022.

#### Infant Sleep Products

Purpose	To work with AS	STM on	revising the	voluntary	standard to	strengthen its
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safety provisions addressing hazards to form the basis of a federal standard intended to reduce hazards associated with infant sleep

products.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary	
Standard(s)	

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Inclined Sleep Products

#### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1236, Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee on infant safe sleep issues. During the reporting period, staff provided feedback to the subcommittee chair on the proposed draft changes to the standard. Staff also voted negative on the balloted changes to the standard.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended a subcommittee meeting that discussed revisions to the standard in line with the new infant sleep products rule. The group

agreed to proceed with a ballot to remove *inclined* from the title, clarify the suffocation hazard in the introduction, reduce the age range covered, align definitions with other standards, and clarify testing details.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
October 1, 2021	Letter	Staff provided the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee chair with comments to the proposed draft changes to the standard.
January 12, 2022		Staff provided the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee with a formal response to the negative vote on ballot F15(21-10) item 3.

#### Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)	
closed	Standard		
January	ASTM	Ballot F15(21-10) item 3 removed "inclined"	
2022	F3118	from the title and made changes to be a more inclusive standard for different infant sleep products. Staff submitted a negative vote because the changes did not fully align with the agency final rule. The ballot item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.	

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

#### **Infant Swings**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant swings.

**Staff Contact** Torres, Carlos

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Cradle Swings

Standard(s) Update

Relevant

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

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16 CFR part 1223, Safety Standard for Infant Swings

Rulemaking

In June 2021, ASTM published ASTM F2088-21 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Cradle Swings. On August 2, 2021, ASTM notified CPSC of the update to the standard. On October 28, 2021, the Commission published a direct final rule in the Federal Register to update 16 CFR part 1223 Safety Standard for Infant Swings, to incorporate by reference ASTM F2088-21 (86 FR 59612). The rule became effective on January 29, 2022.

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on strangulation and head entrapment hazards on tethered straps. During the reporting period, staff provided comments and feedback on the definition of "tethered straps" that would be subjected to the performance requirement and testing. Staff recommended requirements and testing. Staff reiterated that the current length requirement (up to 16 inches) is not sufficiently effective for some current tethered straps designs.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in subcommittee meetings and a task group meeting on requirements related to strangulation hazards of tethered straps.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022	N/A	Ballot F15(21-10, item 6) addressed warning language. A negative vote on the accessibility of warnings in English was found nonpersuasive. Staff abstained from voting but provided a comment of support. The ballot item passed.

Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming task group meeting for tethered straps strangulation hazards, when scheduled.

#### Infant Walkers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant walkers.

Staff Contact Mordecai, Ben

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Infant Walkers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1216, Safety Standard for Infant Walkers Note: 16 CFR part 1216 references the -12 version

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee on safety issues related to infant walkers. During the reporting period, staff engaged in reviews of the new revision to the standard and reviewed a hallet prepage!

ballot proposal.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where ballot results were

discussed.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
January 2022	N/A	Ballot F15(21-07, item 2) addressed revisions to notes that recommended performing certain procedures. A negative vote indicating that the these notes constituted more than a "best practice" was found persuasive. The item was removed from the ballot.

Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

#### Non-Full-Sized Cribs and Play Yards

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards to form the basis of a federal standard intended to reduce hazards associated with infant sleep products.

Staff Contact

DeGrano, Frederick

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F406-19	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards
ASTM F2933-21a	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Crib Mattresses

Standard(s) Update In October 2021, ASTM published a revision to ASTM F2933- 21, ASTM F2933- 21a, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for

*Crib Mattresses*, which changed warnings and instructions in the standard. Staff voted against the ballot items, but the vote was found non-persuasive.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

On February 15, 2022, the Commission published the final rule 16 CFR part 1220, *Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs* (87 FR 8640) with an effective date of August 15, 2022. The final rule references ASTM F2933-21, the previous version of the standard.

16 CFR part 1221, Safety Standard for Play Yards

#### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 and F15.66 subcommittees on safe sleep issues related to crib mattresses, non-full-size baby cribs, and play yards. During the reporting period, staff participated in task groups and related activities, voted on and suggested an alternate test method for a proposed gap measurement, and presented a crib mattresses final rule to the Commission.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended a subcommittee meeting and multiple task group meetings. In the subcommittee meeting, previous ballot results were discussed, with one negative vote found persuasive. Among other task group reports, staff reiterated issues with measuring the gap between the mattress and wall of the play yard. Staff attended task group meetings covering sleep angle, zipper access, and Ad Hoc warnings.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
February 15, 2022	Letter	Staff provided the ASTM F15.18 with a formal response to the negative vote on ballot F15(22-01) item 5.
March 7, 2022	Letter	Staff proposed an alternate test method from what was proposed in ballot F15(22-01) item 5, to address measuring gaps between a play yard mattress and side wall.
March 10, 2022	Data	Staff provided summary play yard incident data to the subcommittee for the period from 7/7/2020 to 7/7/2021.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2022		Ballot F15(22-01) item 5 proposed allowing mattresses up to 2.0 inches thick, with a gap requirement for mattresses over 1.5 inches thick and a proposed method for testing the gap. Staff submitted a negative vote. The ballot item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

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March 2022	ASTM F406	Ballot F15(22-02) item 3 proposed new scope
		language for products "for play only." The
		ballot item was unresolved at the end of the
		reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

#### Portable Bed Rails (Children's)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with portable bed rails for

children.

Staff Contact Lee, Kevin

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Portable Bed Rails

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1224, Safety Standard for Portable Bed Rails

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.11 subcommittee to improve the safety of children's portable bedrails. During the reporting period,

staff provided incident data to the subcommittee.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/20/2021	Incident	Staff provided the subcommittee with the
	Data	incident data for children's portable bed rails
		for the period from April 2020 through August
		2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in any scheduled subcommittee meetings.

#### Portable Hook-On Chairs

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with hook-on chairs.

Staff Contact Lee, Kevin

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1235-18	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Portable Hook-On Chairs

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1233, Safety Standard for Hook-On Chairs

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

#### Sling Carriers (Infant and Toddlers)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with sling carriers.

**Staff Contact** Foster, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2907-21	Consumer Safety Specification for Sling Carriers

Standard(s) Update In January 2022, ASTM published a revision to ASTM F2907-19, ASTM F2907-21, Consumer Safety Specification for Sling Carriers. During the

final editing process, staff noted a conflict in two of the figures included in the revision. ASTM elected to issue a ballot to correct this conflict and delay notification until a revised version of the standard could be published.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1228, Safety Standard for Sling Carriers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on sling carrier products. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple task group meetings to re-examine the scope and testing requirements.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.21 subcommittee meeting and multiple

task group meetings where scope and testing were discussed.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Applicable Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2021	ASTM F2907	Ballot F15(22-02) item 7 included Ad Hoc language and warning updates. The ballot item passed.
January 2022	ASTM F2907	Ballot F15(22-02) item 6 updated pictograms. The ballot item passed.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in a task group meeting in April 2022 and will participate in any upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings. Staff is also preparing a briefing package to be delivered to the Commission after official notification regarding ASTM F2907-22.

#### Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with soft infant and toddler carriers.

**Staff Contact** Zachary Foster

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F2236-16a

Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1226, Safety Standard for Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

#### **Stationary Activity Centers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with portable bed rails for

children.

Staff Contact Lee, Kevin

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Stationary Activity Centers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1238, Safety Standard for Stationary Activity Centers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee on stationary activity centers. The subcommittee did not meet during the reporting period. During the reporting period, staff received and reviewed

the annual stationary activity centers-related incident report.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) Date Type Summary

10/20/2021	Incident	Staff provided the subcommittee with the
	Data	incident data for children's portable bed rails
		for the period April 2020 through August
		2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide the subcommittee the annual staff incident data review.

Staff will participate in the next subcommittee meeting, when scheduled. Staff will provide the subcommittee with a summary of the annual incident

report and continue working with the subcommittee to address the

suspension strap failures.

#### Toddler Beds

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with toddler beds.

**Staff Contact** Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toddler Beds

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1217, Safety Standard for Toddler Beds

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, scheduled

for May 2022.

#### Other Children's Products and Hazards

#### Child-Resistant Packages (CRP)

**Purpose** 

To maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with child-resistant packaging, by monitoring developments that affect the federal mandatory standard, including working with ASTM on voluntary standards for package design and development.

Staff Contact

Eilbert, Mark

#### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM D3475-20	Standard Classification of Child-Resistant Packages
ASTM F17-20	Standard Terminology Relating to Primary Barrier Packaging
ASTM F3375-19	Standard Test Method for Assessing Non- Metered Restricted Delivery Systems for Liquid Consumer Products
ASTM D7860-14	Standard Test Methods for Measurement of Torque Retention for Child-Resistant and Non- Child-Resistant Packages with Continuous- Thread Closures Using Automated Torque Testing Equipment

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1700, Poison Prevention Packaging

#### Activities Summary

During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee meetings and requested that the subcommittee notify staff of upcoming meetings in the review of D7860-14, Standard Test Methods for Measurement of Torque Retention for Child-Resistant and Non-Child-Resistant Packages with Continuous-Thread Closures Using Automated Torque Testing Equipment.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in subcommittee meetings by teleconference, including subcommittee F02.25 on Rigid Container Closure Systems, where the review of D7860-14 was announced.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/7/2022	email	Request to ASTM subcommittee chair to
		participate in review of ASTM D7860-14

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in October

2022.

#### **Crib Bumpers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards and form the basis of a federal standard intended to reduce hazards associated with crib bumpers.

**Staff Contact** Smith, Tim

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bedding and Related Accessories

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking The NPR for 16 CFR part 1240, Safety Standard for Crib Bumpers/Liners published in the Federal Register (85 FR 18878) on April 3, 2020. At the end of the reporting period, staff was developing a draft final rule briefing

package.

Activities Summary There were no activities during the reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next infant bedding subcommittee meeting,

scheduled for May 2022.

#### Gasoline Containers, Child Resistance

#### **Purpose** To work with ASTM to rev

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with the poisoning of children from

gasoline from portable fuel containers.

#### Staff Contact

Ayers, Scott

#### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2517-17	Standard Specification for Determination of Child Resistance of Portable Fuel Containers for Consumer Use

#### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1460, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act Regulation

#### Activities Summary

Staff worked with the ASTM F15.10 subcommittee to revise the voluntary standard to expand the scope to allow this standard to be used on other portable fuel containers besides gasoline, diesel, and kerosene containers; to improve the readability and reduce ambiguities in the voluntary standard; and to revise the adult test to include younger adults, more men, and develop a new method to screen participants.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff met with the task group revising ASTM F2517 twice to discuss and then reach consensus on proposed changes to the standard.

#### Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
February	ASTM	Ballot (F15(22-01)) item 2 proposed a new
2022	F2517	adult test to replace the senior test.
February	ASTM	Ballot (F15(22-01)) item 3 proposed improved
2022	F2517	readability of the child test procedure and
		changed instructions given to the child to
		remove ambiguities.
February	ASTM	Ballot (F15(22-01)) item 4 proposed changes
2022	F2517	to the scope that allows other portable fuel
		containers to test to this standard.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to participate with ASTM F15.10 subcommittee on the voluntary standard. Staff will prepare a briefing package for the Commission should the voluntary standard be revised.

Infant Support Pillows and Nursing Support Products

Purpose To work with ASTM on establishing voluntary standards to address

hazards associated with infant support pillows and nursing support

products.

Staff Contact

Smith, Timothy

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Potential new voluntary standard for Infant loungers
	Potential new voluntary standard for feeding and infant support products

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant

N/A

Rulemaking
Activities

Summary

Staff began work with ASTM F15 committee to develop new safety standards for infant support pillows and nursing support products. During the reporting period, staff provided relevant incident data to the ASTM F15.16 Infant Feeding and Support Products subcommittee and the F15.21 Infant Loungers subcommittee. Staff also participated in subcommittee and task group meetings for these ASTM subcommittees to assist in developing voluntary standards for each of these product categories.

Meeting(s)

Staff attended multiple subcommittee and task group meetings for infant loungers and infant feeding and support products. Because these are both new efforts, meeting activity has been focused on scope determination and incident data review.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
December 13,	Letter/Incident	Staff requested the formation of a
2021	Data	subcommittee to address hazards
		associated with infant support
		pillows. Along with the letter, staff
		provided data for nursing pillows and for
		infant loungers and other support pillows.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meetings scheduled in May 2022.

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with toys.

#### Staff Contact

Mordecai, Benjamin

### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F963-17	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety
ASTM D8133-21	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low- Level Phthalates in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Solvent Extraction-Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

### Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1250, Safety Standard for Toys

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.22 subcommittee on toy safety issues. During the reporting period, staff engaged with ASTM on the ballots below, participated in task group meetings, and provided feedback on the agency's position for improving safety. Staff is expecting ASTM to publish a new revision to the standard in summer 2022.

Staff is working with the ASTM D20.70 subcommittee on analytical methods to review the status of several analytical methods. Staff plans to participate in an ASTM D20.70 Inter-laboratory Study (ILS) of phthalate test methods, focusing on ASTM D8133.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended several ISO TAG meetings for Working Group (WG) 1, WG 6, and WG 9. Staff also attended a subcommittee meeting where previously issued ballots were discussed.

Staff participated in two ASTM D20.70 meetings during the reporting period. Staff volunteered to participating in an ILS for ASTM D7823 and ASTM D8133.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
October 14,	Letter	Staff provided a formal response supporting
2021		ballot F15(21-07) item 9.

### Applicable Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 8 dealt with ingestion hazards related to expanding toys. The ballot item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 9 added an A- weighted limit for push or pull toys. The ballot item was removed.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 10 updated phthalate requirements. The ballot item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 11 updated CPSC exemptions from testing. The ballot item was removed.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 12 clarified alternative testing steps. The ballot item was removed.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 13 moved and revised the definition of "paper." The ballot item was removed.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 14 updated labeling requirements. The ballot item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 15 updated the definition of "accessibility." The ballot item was removed.
October 2021	ASTM F963	Ballot F15(21-07) item 16 updated the warnings on stroller and carriage toys. The ballot item was removed.

### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in upcoming ASTM task group meetings or subcommittee meetings, when scheduled. Staff expects to start the ASTM D20.70 ILS work on ASTM D8133 in July 2022.

# **Emerging Technology**

### Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing

### **Purpose**

To work with UL, ASTM, and other SDOs to develop standards for Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printers to address the hazards associated with 3D printed products and the 3D printing process.

#### Staff Contact

Thomas, Treye

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 2904, 1st Edition	Standard Method for Testing and Assessing Particle and Chemical Emissions from 3D Printers
	Potential new voluntary standard for wired directed-energy deposition processes

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

### Activities Summary

Staff continues to participate in several working and task groups focused on addressing the potential health and safety implications of additive manufacturing. The UL 2904 Working Group began to update standards for emissions testing. Staff served as a task group leader for the development of a guidance document for 3D printer users. Other efforts focused on larger scale use of printers and the responsible use of materials in 3D home construction.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended several UL 2904 STP meetings discussing comments from the industry review of the next edition to the standard.

Staff led two meetings of a UL 2904 STP task group to address the hazards associated with 3D printer emissions in small manufacturer and home-use scenarios.

#### Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

### Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
April 2022		Ballot item (F42 22-06, Item 1) as a new standard guide for wire arc energy directed deposition was issued during the reporting period but closed after the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff expects the updates to the UL 2904 standard for emissions testing to be reviewed and balloted. These updates include the safety guidance document for 3D printers.

### Artificial Intelligence

**Purpose** To work with applicable SDOs to develop standards to address the safety

hazards associated with artificial intelligence in consumer products.

**Staff Contact** Lee, Simon

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard for Safety for the Evaluation of Autonomous Products

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the reporting period. Staff held an Al Test and Evaluation Forum on March 31, 2022, including a presentation by UL and discussion of standards and considerations for safety in the evaluation of autonomous products.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff plans to participate in the next STP meeting for UL 4600 on June 8

and June 9.

#### Internet of Things (IoT)/Connected Products

**Purpose** To work with UL, ASTM, and other stakeholders to revise existing

voluntary standards and develop new voluntary standards to address

hazards associated with connected consumer products.

Staff Contact Lee. Simon

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 5500, 1st Edition	Remote Software Updates
UL 2900-1, 1st Edition	Software Cybersecurity for Network-Connectable Devices
	Standard Guide for Ensuring the Safety of Connected Consumer Products

Standard(s) Update In October 2021, ASTM published ASTM F3463-21, Standard Guide for Ensuring the Safety of Connected Consumer Products. The voluntary standard was revised to clarify language and the objective, define the term consumer product, outline how the guide could be applied, and update references.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to participate in the next scheduled subcommittee meeting,

when scheduled.

#### Nanotechnology

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM and ISO technical committees to develop and revise voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with nanotechnology.

Staff Contact

Matheson, Joanna

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM E3025-16	Standard Guide for Tiered Approach to Detection and Characterization of Manufactured Silver Nanomaterials in Textiles
ASTM E2525-08 (2013) (Withdrawn)	Standard Test Method for Evaluation of the Effect of Nanoparticulate Materials on the Formation of Mouse Granulocyte-Macrophage Colonies
ASTM E3171-21	Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Silver in Textiles by ICP-OES or ICP-MS Analysis

ASTM E3238-20	Standard Test Method for Quantitative Measurement of the Chemoattractant Capacity of a Nanoparticulate Material in Vitro
ASTM WK60553	Potential new voluntary standard for evaluation of nanoparticulate material internalization by phagocytic cells in vitro
ASTM WK60554	Potential new guide for evaluating impact of particles and other materials on phagocytic function in vitro
ISO/TS 13830:2013	Nanotechnologies — Guidance on voluntary labelling for consumer products containing manufactured nano-objects
ASTM E3025-16	Standard Guide for Tiered Approach to Detection and Characterization of Manufactured Silver Nanomaterials in Textiles
ASTM WK48313	Potential new guide for collection and generation of environment, health, and safety information for nanomaterials and nano-enabled products
ASTM E3238-20	Standard Test Method for Quantitative Measurement of the Chemoattractant Capacity of a Nanoparticulate Material in Vitro
ASTM WK60553	Potential new voluntary standard for evaluation of nanoparticulate material internalization by phagocytic cells in vitro
ASTM WK60554	Potential new voluntary standard for detection of nitric oxide production
ISO/TS 13830:2013	Nanotechnologies — Guidance on voluntary labelling for consumer products containing manufactured nano-objects

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM and ISO on the safety of

nanotechnology in consumer products. During the reporting period, staff

participated in multiple ASTM and ISO meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in the ISO/TC 229 nanotechnologies working group meetings in October 2021, November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022, and discussed current projects and potential new work item proposals. Staff also participated in a US TAG to ISO/TC 229 meeting in December 2021 and discussed work in the ISO/TC 229

working groups.

Staff also participated in an ASTM E56 committee meeting in November 2021, where among other items, staff discussed revising ASTM E3025.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings.

### Service, Communication, Information, Education, and Entertainment (SCIEE) Robots

**Purpose** To work with UL to develop a new voluntary standard for SCIEE robots.

Staff Contact Dayal, Vineed

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 3300	Potential new voluntary standard for SCIEE robots

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period. The STP is currently revising the first draft of the standard.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the UL STP to develop the new standard and

is participating in multiple task groups for the effort.

Meeting(s) Staff actively participated in STP meetings focused on developing the

standard, as well as task group meetings for Operational Design Domain and Risk Assessment, Robot Type classifications, Non-Robotic Function,

Audible Indicators, and Functional Safety.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming STP and task group meetings.

### Wearables

**Purpose** To work with UL and any other SDOs to develop voluntary standards for

wearable technologies to keep consumers safe.

**Staff Contact** Thomas, Treye

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
UL 8400	Potential new voluntary standard for the safety for virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and
	mixed reality (MR) technology equipment

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

Activities Summary

Staff continued to work with the UL STP to improve the draft standard and prepare it for ballot. During the reporting period, staff participated in numerous task groups and emphasized safety concerns for the subject immersive technologies, particularly regarding foreseeable use of the products by vulnerable age groups and the importance of normative requirements.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in three UL 8400 STP meetings, where staff joined in discussions on the development of UL 8400.

Staff participated in regular, reoccurring meetings for the UL 8400 task group on safety and warning instructions, where staff assisted in developing requirements regarding to safety messaging.

Staff participated in several meetings for the UL 8400 task group on vulnerable age groups, where staff assisted in developing age-related warning requirements.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

The STP plans to finalize and ballot a draft of the standard. Following its publication, the STP will continue to meet to address continuing concerns and investigate emerging hazards with the subject immersive technologies.

### Home Products and Hazards

#### Adult Portable Bed Rails

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard, as needed, to

address hazards associated with adult portable bed rails.

Staff Contact Dayal, Vineed

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F3186-17

Standard Specification for Adult Portable Bed Rails and Related Products

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking Petition CP 13-1 *Petition on Adult Portable Bedrails* was docketed in June 2013. The Commission voted to grant the petition on March 15, 2022,

directing staff to draft a notice of proposed rulemaking.

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.70 subcommittee to improve the safety of adult portable bedrails. During the reporting period, staff reviewed proposed revisions, provided and characterized data, and

briefed the group on agency activities.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings. Topics

included incident data, hazard identification, potential revisions and safety

improvements, and agency activities.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to send a letter requesting the new revision task group to

review staff's proposed minimum revisions to the standard, as outlined in the previous briefing package. Staff will work with the task group to review the remainder of the standard and discuss other proposals. Staff

will brief the subcommittee on the NPR once it is completed.

### Bath Tubs (Adult)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to re-establish F462 or develop a new voluntary

standard to address fall hazards associated with adult bath tubs and

shower facilities, with particular focus on older consumers.

Staff Contact Bowley, Susan

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
` ,	Consumer Safety Specification for Slip-Resistant Bathing Facilities

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.03 subcommittee to develop a new standard that addresses slip and fall hazards in bath tubs. During the reporting period, staff provided data on falls in bathtubs and showers covering a 10-year period, participated in subcommittee meetings, and provided feedback on the agency's contract on creating Reference Surfaces (RS) for testing.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in several task group meetings focused on incident data review, reference surfaces for testing, and the CPSC's contract to facilitate developing those reference materials, and other tasks to develop a new standard that addresses slip and fall hazards.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/23/2022	Incident	Staff provided the subcommittee with fall-
	Data	related bathtub and shower incident data for
		the period from August 2010 through August
		2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled. Staff will share contract work results, when completed

Batteries, Fire (High-Energy Density)

### **Purpose**

To work with the various SDOs on revising battery, battery charger, and battery-powered product safety voluntary standards and support developing certification programs for batteries to address fire-related hazards, including overheating, thermal burns, fire, and explosions.

### Staff Contact

Kadiwala, Jay

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
UL 1642, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for Lithium Batteries
UL 2272, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Standard for Electrical Systems for Personal E-
	Mobility Devices
UL 2271,2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Standard for Batteries for Use in Light Electric
	Vehicle (LEV) Applications
UL 2849, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Standard for Electrical Systems for eBikes
UL 1310, 7 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for Class 2 Power Units
UL 1012, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Power Units Other Than Class 2
UL 9540, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Standard for Energy Storage Systems and
	Equipment
ANSI C18.2M Part 2-	American National Standard for Portable
2021	Rechargeable Cells and Batteries—Safety
	Standard
ANSI C18.3M Part 2-	American National Standard for Portable Lithium
2021	Primary Cells and Batteries - Safety Standard
ANSI C18.4M-2021	American National Standard for Portable Cells
	and Batteries - Environmental

### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

### Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM and UL on improving the overall safety of the battery-powered products with primary focus on e-mobility devices and ebikes. This impact also concerns battery chargers. During the reporting period, staff has participated in one STP meeting for UL 2849, focused on functional safety and in technical meetings for ASTM F15.58, including the full group meetings and the electrical systems working group. Staff has participated in several virtual ANSI C18 meetings. Staff's efforts in all these activities focus on improving overall lithium-ion battery safety within the scope of consumer products.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ANSI C18 meetings in October and March, to discuss ingestion and fire-related battery issues.

Staff participated in UL 2849 STP meeting focused on functional safety

for electrical safety of ebikes.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in an ANSI C18 standards meetings on June 14-15,

2022. Staff intends to participate in the STP UL 1642 virtual meeting to discuss recent standard proposals on June 15, 2022. Staff intends to continue participation on ANSI C18.6 Lithium-lon Battery Technical Report, although work has paused temporarily while a new chair for the

initiative is determined.

### Batteries, Ingestion (Button)

**Purpose** To work with the various SDOs to revise button and coin cell battery

safety voluntary standards and end-product voluntary standards for products that use these button and coin cell batteries, to address accidental battery ingestions that can cause severe injury and death.

**Staff Contact** Le, Huy

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 4200A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for Products Incorporating Button or Coin Cell Batteries of Lithium Technologies
UL 60065, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Audio, Video, and Similar Electronic Apparatus–Safety Requirements
ANSI C18.1M Part 2- 2019	American National Standard for Portable Primary Cells and Batteries with Aqueous Electrolyte - Safety Standard
ANSI C18.2M Part 2- 2021	American National Standard for Portable Rechargeable Cells and Batteries—Safety Standard
ANSI C18.3M Part 2- 2021	American National Standard for Portable Lithium Primary Cells and Batteries - Safety Standard
ANSI C18.4M-2021	American National Standard for Portable Cells and Batteries-Environmental
ASTM F963-17	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking ASTM F963-17, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety

Staff conducted data analysis and research in support of a button battery

NPR briefing package.

Activities Summary

During the reporting period, staff provided an update on staff's FY 2022 NPR work for battery ingestion hazards. Staff continues to advocate for strong warning labels and child-resistant packaging for button and coin

cell batteries in ANSI C18 standards.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in ANSI C18 meetings in October and March, to discuss

button and coin cell battery ingestion hazards

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in ANSI C18 standards meetings on June 14-15,

2022. Staff will participate in other related button and coin cell battery standards, including ASTM F963, as needed. Staff will review end-product standards where button and coin cell batteries are used in products, to determine if existing requirements are adequate to prevent children from accessing the batteries. Staff is also preparing an NPR

briefing package to address battery ingestion hazards.

#### Candles and Candle Accessories

**Purpose** To work with the ASTM F15.45 subcommittee on revising the voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated

with candles and candle accessories.

Staff Contact Ayers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2417-17	Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles
ASTM F2601-18	Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candle Accessories

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.45 subcommittee on candle safety. During the reporting period, staff provided data and participated in discussions on incident data and recalls.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in quarterly incident data teleconferences to discuss recent candle-related recalls and incidents found on SaferProducts.gov and from other sources, such as Canada or Europe. Based on these data, staff supports adding changes that address candle-making kits, end-of-useful life, and wick migration.

Staff participated in two meetings discussing possible changes to F2417.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
2/15/2022	Incident	Staff provided a redacted IDI to the
	Data	subcommittee to discuss during a future
		quarterly incident data teleconference.

#### Ballot(s)

There were no related ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to participate in quarterly incident data teleconferences. The subcommittee plans to revise F2417 this calendar year and F2601 next calendar year. Staff will participate in discussions related to potential revisions to ASTM F2417 and ASTM F2601. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2022.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

Purpose

To work with UL to ensure that the voluntary standard adequately addresses the safety hazards associated with CO alarms and effective notification of hazardous levels of CO.

#### Staff Contact

Matthew J. Brookman

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 2034, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms
NFPA 72 <sup>®</sup> , 2022 Edition <sup>®</sup>	National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the technical committee to enhance the standard and maintain effective performance requirements for CO alarms. During the reporting period, staff drafted a letter of support for the long-term sensor stability test proposal. Staff continued to review proposals and monitor the CO alarm market. Additionally, staff continued working with the contractor in completing the Smoke and CO Alarms Survey.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this topic during the reporting period.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
2/24/2022	Letter	Staff supported the proposal for a sensor
		stability test protocol.

#### Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to support the activities of the technical committee and further development of the standard. Staff will continue working with the contractor in completing the Smoke and CO Alarms Survey.

### Clothing Storage Units Tip Over

**Purpose** To worl

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions addressing the hazards associated with furniture tipover incidents.

#### Staff Contact

Talcott, Kristen

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2057-19	Standard Safety Specification for Clothing Storage Units
ASTM F3096-21	Standard Performance Specification for Tipover Restraint(s) Used with Clothing Storage Unit(s)

### Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

### Relevant Rulemaking

The Commission published an ANPR in November 2017 (82 FR 56752, Nov. 30, 2017) and an NPR, Safety Standard for Clothing Storage Units,

in February 2022 (87 FR 6246, Feb. 2, 2022).

### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.42 subcommittee on furniture safety, especially tip-over hazards. During the reporting period, staff

participated in many subcommittee and task group meetings, as well as kept the group informed of the associated rulemaking.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple subcommittee and task group meetings related to the proposed changes to the standard. Meetings included scope, interlocks, warning and labeling, tip restraint, and testing task groups. Staff briefed the subcommittee on the NPR and provided feedback on proposals.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
November 2021	ASTM F2057	ASTM F15(21-08) item 2 proposed to address unit height measurements when adjustable feet are included. The item was removed from the ballot.
November 2021	ASTM F2057	ASTM F15(21-08) item 3 proposed to remove the term <i>nightstand</i> from the standard, replacing it with a volume measurement threshold. The item was removed from the ballot.
November 2021	ASTM F2057	ASTM F15(21-08) item 4 proposed language to address testing of interlocking drawers. The item was removed from the ballot.

Next Action

Staff will continue working on the final rule and will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings.

#### Electric Heaters

**Purpose** 

To work with UL to address hyperthermia deaths caused by portable and room heaters and address risks of fire related to electric heater cords and plugs.

Staff Contact

Lee, Arthur

Voluntary Standard(s)

<b>Designation and current</b>	Title
version	
UL 1278, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Movable and Wall-or Ceiling-
•	Hung Electric Room Heaters

### Standard(s) Update

In February 2022, UL revised the current edition of UL 1278, Standard for Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters. The revised edition (February 21, 2022) includes new requirements for warnings and markings to address hyperthermia hazards. UL did not issue a new edition number with the revision.

## Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

## Activities Summary

In October 2021, UL sought preliminary review for a proposal for markings and labeling to address the hyperthermia hazard. Staff chaired the task group that addressed the comments from the preliminary review. The task group addressed the comments via email and prepared a ballot in December 2021. UL issued a ballot of the marking and labeling proposal in December 2021; the ballot closed in January 2022, and it passed. Staff is also analyzing data and researching fire hazards related to electric heaters and has identified some cord and plug issues that the UL STP may be able to address.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this topic during the reporting period.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
3/7/2022	Letter	Staff requested that the UL STP review findings of an internal CPSC report on inconsistent crimping, welding, and/or
		soldering on the crimp connectors of heater plug blades.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022	UL 1278	Ballot to include requirements for warnings and markings to address hyperthermia hazards.

#### Next Action

Staff will work with the UL STP to address cord and plug fire-related issues.

#### Fire Safety of Portable Fuel Containers and Gasoline Cans

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and UL to improve or develop fire safety

requirements for flame-mitigation devices and other fire safety features in various types of portable fuel containers, such as gasoline containers.

**Staff Contact** Ayer

Ayers, Scott

### Voluntary Standard(s)

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Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3429 / ASTM F3429M-20	Standard Specification for Performance of Flame Mitigation Devices Installed in Disposable and Pre-Filled Flammable Liquid Containers
ASTM F852 / ASTM F852M-22	Standard Specification for Portable Gasoline Kerosene, and Diesel Containers for Consumer Use
ASTM F3326-21	Standard Specification for Flame Mitigation Devices on Portable Fuel Containers
ASTM F839-15	Standard Specification for Cautionary Labeling of Portable Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel Containers for Consumer Use
UL30, 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Metal Safety Cans
NFPA 30, 2021 Edition	Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code

### Standard(s) Update

In October 2021, ASTM published ASTM F3326-21, Standard Specification for Flame Mitigation Devices on Portable Fuel Containers. The voluntary standard was revised to allow metal flame-mitigation devices (FMDs) in metal gasoline containers.

In January 2022, ASTM published ASTM F852/F852M-20, Standard Specification for Portable Gasoline, Kerosene, and Diesel Containers for Consumer Use. The voluntary standard was revised to add heat-resistance requirements for the container body.

## Relevant Rulemaking

Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2020

### Activities Summary

During the reporting period, staff worked with the UL 30 STP to revise the current edition of the voluntary safety standard. CPSC contracted with a testing laboratory to develop a performance test for flame-mitigation devices on safety cans. The STP accepted the test for the next edition of UL 30. Staff is also gauging general industry compliance to ASTM F3429.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in several UL 30 STP and task group meetings to develop a performance test for FMDs on safety cans. Some of these meetings included a CPSC contractor who adapted the ASTM F3429 for safety cans.

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.72 subcommittee meeting that included discussions on FMDs and industry compliance with ASTM F3429.

Staff participated in a NFPA 30 committee meeting, where public inputs for the second draft of the next edition were discussed.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2022	UL 30	Recirculation ballot incorporated a new FMD performance test and other items. The ballot passed with and will be published in April or May 2022.

Next Action

Staff will chair a meeting of the ASTM F15.72 task group responsible for ASTM F3429 / F3429M in April to discuss compliance to the voluntary standard and possible future requirements.

### Flammable Refrigerants

**Purpose** 

To work with the various UL and ASHRAE standards work groups to revise the voluntary standards associated with consumer products that use flammable refrigerants (also known and marketed as "low global warming potential refrigerants" and "natural refrigerants").

Staff Contact

Ayers, Scott

### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL/CSA 60335-2-24, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Safety Requirements for Household and Similar Electrical Appliances, Part 2: Particular Requirements for Refrigerating Appliances, Ice-Cream Appliances, and Ice-Makers
UL/CSA 60335-2-40, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-40: Particular Requirements for Electrical Heat Pumps, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers
ASHRAE 15.2P	Potential new voluntary standard for refrigeration systems in residential applications

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff worked with the CANENA UL/CSA 60335-2-40 group as it revised the voluntary standard. Additionally, staff provided comments to ASHRAE on the potential new voluntary standard ASHRAE 15.2P.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
3/15/2022	Formal	Staff supporting statement on the fifth public
	Letter	review of the draft ASHRAE 15.2P standard

Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2022	15.2P	Fifth public review of the draft ASHRAE 15.P standard, addressing comments from the fourth public review.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate with the CANENA work group revising UL/CSA 60335-2-40; the next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2022. Staff will participate with the ASHRAE 15.2P committee, as needed. Staff will participate with the CANENA work group if it considers revising UL/CSA 60335-2-24.

### Flooring (Slips, Trips, and Falls)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and NFSI on developing a new voluntary standard or

revising the existing voluntary standard to reduce or prevent consumer

slips, trips, and falls.

**Staff Contact** Bowley, Susan

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Practice for Validation, Calibration, and Certification of Walkway Tribometers Using Reference Surfaces
	Potential new voluntary standard test method for walkway friction testing

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking Petition CP 16-1, Labeling Requirements Regarding Slip Resistance of Floor Coverings (Denied) and Petition CP 18-2 Floor Coverings (Denied)

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with ASTM F13.10 subcommittee to establish better characterization of trip, slip, and fall hazards associated with

flooring.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in ASTM F13 main committee and subcommittee

meetings. Topics included discussion of recent ballot results, standards up for review and new work items, including WK72780 for revision of ASTM F2508-16e1, and related slip-resistance efforts and research,

including those underway at CPSC.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming meetings.

### Gas Appliances, CO Sensors

**Purpose** To work with technical committees on revising the voluntary standards to

strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with CO risks due to failure modes, such as disconnected vents and partially

blocked vents

Staff Contact Jordan, Ronald

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI Z21.47-2016/ CSA 2.3-2016	Gas-Fired Central Furnaces
ANSI <i>Z</i> 21.13-2017/ CSA 4.9-2017	Gas-Fired Low Pressure Steam and Hot Water Boilers
ANSI Z21.86-2016/ CSA 2.32-2016	Vented Gas-Fired Space Heating Appliances

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking The Commission published an ANPR for Performance Requirements for Residential Gas Furnaces and Boilers, in the *Federal Register* on August 19, 2019 (84 FR 42847). Staff conducted data analysis and technical

research in support of an NPR.

Activities Summary Staff continues to monitor the activities of the technical committee and subcommittees for any developments related to CO safety. During the

reporting period, staff corresponded with the SDO to obtain updates on standards activities.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/27/2021	Email	Staff corresponded with the CSA TC project manager to determine whether the TC or TSCs were considering any CO safety-related improvements to the standards.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period

**Next Action** 

Staff will update the voluntary standard bodies on the status of the ANPR/NPR and related contractor reports, when appropriate. Staff will continue to monitor or participate with CSA and any other SDOs interested in gas appliance safety and CO sensors.

#### Gas Ranges

**Purpose** 

To work with the CSA TSC and other stakeholders to revise the voluntary

standard to strengthen its provisions for safety.

Staff Contact

Ayers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI Z21.1-2016/ CSA 1.1-2016	Household Cooking Gas Appliances

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff chaired the CSA TSC, which is working on a draft of the next edition of ANSI Z21.1 for ballot this fall. Some of the requirements the TSC is proposing include requirements for smartenabled cooking. Staff is also working with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders on reviewing IAQ issues associated with gas ranges to possibly make recommendations or proposals to affected voluntary standards.

### Meeting(s)

Staff chaired two meetings of the CSA TSC, where the TSC focused on resolving open issues to prepare for balloting the draft of the next edition of the standard.

Staff met monthly with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders to review IAQ issues associated with gas ranges. This group is still developing the workflow of establishing recommendations and proposals.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period,

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to chair the CSA TSC. Staff will participate in future TSC meetings, as scheduled. Staff will also continue to participate with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders to review IAQ issues associated with gas ranges if recommendations or proposals to voluntary standards bodies are the potential outcomes. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

#### Indoor Air Quality

## **Purpose**

To work with SDOs and other stakeholders to develop and maintain voluntary standards that address hazards associated with indoor air quality.

#### Staff Contact

Bevington, Charles

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM D8142-17e1	Standard Test Method for Determining Chemical Emissions from Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) Insulation Using Micro-Scale Environmental Test Chambers
ASTM D8141-17	Standard Guide for Selecting Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) Emission Testing Methods to Determine Emission Parameters for Modeling of Indoor Environments
ASTM D5438-17	Standard Practice for Collection of Floor Dust for Chemical Analysis
ASTM WK58354	Potential new voluntary standard practice for measuring chemical emissions from SPF insulation samples in a large-scale ventilated enclosure

ASTM WK58356	Potential new voluntary standard for modeling indoor concentrations of chemical substances from indoor materials
ASHRAE 62.2-2019	Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in
	Residential Buildings

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

### Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM D22.05 subcommittee on standards related to measuring and modeling chemicals in the indoor environment. During the reporting period, staff continued to advocate for developing standards that provide information on consumer products and their relationship to the indoor environment, leading to increased coordination with the ASTM F15 subcommittee. Staff is also working with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders to review IAQ issues associated with gas ranges to possibly make recommendations or proposals to affected voluntary standards.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASTM D22.05 subcommittee meetings where ballot results for WK58354 and Per and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs) were discussed.

Staff met monthly with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders on reviewing IAQ issues associated with gas ranges. This group is still considering how to accomplish work.

#### Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
,		Ballot item (D22-01, Item 7) to publish as a new standard. The item passed.
March 2022	D8141	Ballot item (D22-02, Item 1) to include new references. The ballot results were not reviewed before the end of the reporting period.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will continue to participate in ASTM and ASHRAE meetings to develop and review standards related to IAQ and consumer products. Staff will continue to participate with various industry, government, and advocacy stakeholders on reviewing IAQ issues associated with gas ranges if recommendations or proposals to voluntary standards bodies

are a potential outcome. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

## Liquid Laundry Packets

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with liquid laundry

detergent packets.

**Staff Contact** Hurley, Jill

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Current version

ASTM F3159-15(2022) Standard Safety Specification for Liquid Laundry Packets

Standard(s) Update On March 4, 2022, ASTM reapproved ASTM F3159-15(2022), Standard

Safety Specification for Liquid Laundry Packets.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.71 subcommittee on liquid laundry packet safety issues. During the reporting period, staff participated in task group meetings to determine if the standards' scen

participated in task group meetings to determine if the standards' scope should be expanded to include other age groups and hazards, such as

ocular and dermal.

Meeting(s) Staff attended subcommittee meetings and several task group meetings,

focused on scope, data, ocular, and senior/dementia issues. Staff presented on its report, *Effect of Novel Coronavirus Pandemic on 2020 NEISS Estimates*, providing a list and summary count of incidents by

code for the years 2019 and 2020.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Applicable Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
December	ASTM	Ballot F15(21-09) item 3 proposed to
2021	F3159	reapprove the standard with no changes. The
		ballot item passed after a negative vote was
		found non-persuasive.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee quarterly meetings and monthly task group meetings, as scheduled.

### LP Gas Appliances

**Purpose** To work with CSA, NFPA, and other stakeholders to revise the voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standards address hazards associated with LP-gas appliances, such as

gas grills and fire pits.

**Staff Contact** Kim, Yeon Souk

Voluntary Standard(s)

	Title
current version	
ANSI Z21.97-2017/	Outdoor Decorative Gas Appliances
CSA 2.41-2017	
ANSI Z21.58b-2018	Outdoor Cooking Gas Appliances
/CSA 1.6-2018	
NFPA 58, 2020 Edition	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff attended the technical subcommittee meeting in January 2022, to review the task force reports and progress.

Staff also reviewed the ballot for ANSI Z21.58.

Meeting(s) The joint TSC met once to discuss open work items; this was the first

TSC meeting in almost 2 years.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
May 2022		Ballot for the next edition to the standard, including requirements clarifying that spare LP gas cylinders cannot be stored within a gas grill and provisions for smart-enabled outdoor cooking gas appliances.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming NFPA 58 technical committee meeting

scheduled in May 2022. Staff will continue to monitor and participate with

CSA and any other SDOs interested in LP gas appliances safety.

### Market Umbrellas/Beach Umbrellas

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to develop voluntary standards to address hazards

associated with market (including patio) umbrellas (MU) and beach

umbrellas (BU).

**Staff Contact** Newens, Andrew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3512-21	Standard Test Method for Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas
ASTM WK 81182	Potential new standard for evaluating wind safety and stability of beach umbrellas

Standard(s) Update In October 2021, ASTM published F3512-21, Standard Test Method for Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas. This new voluntary standard established test methods for evaluating MUs for wind strength and durability.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the MU Subcommittee and BU Task Group to develop new standards. During the reporting period, staff provided comments on draft documents, actively participated in task group meetings on establishing scope and test requirements, and staff provided feedback on the agency's position for maintaining or improving safety for these products.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.79 subcommittee meeting in November 2021, where the subcommittee established a task group to develop a new standard for BUs. Staff has since been meeting with the BU task group once a month.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/10/2021	Email	Staff provided the ASTM F15.79 subcommittee
		information on accessing publicly available
		incident data on umbrellas.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2021	N/A	Subcommittee ballot F15.79 (21-01), item 1 to include beach umbrella requirements in any new standards.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, including the next ASTM F15.79 subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

#### Mowers

**Purpose** To work with OPEI to revise their voluntary standards to address hazards

associated with walk-behind and riding power lawn mowers.

**Staff Contact** Newens, Andrew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard for Consumer Turf Care Equipment –
2017	Pedestrian-Controlled Mower and Ride-On
	Mowers – Safety Specification
ANSI/OPEI 60335-2-	Particular Requirements for Robotic Battery
107-2020	Powered Electrical Lawnmowers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1205, Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers and Petition CP 19-1 on Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers (withdrawn

May 2020)

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the OPEI B71.1 committee on rollover and

backover hazards relating to residential riding lawn mowers.

Meeting(s) Staff met with the OPEI B71.1 committee in March to discuss how CPSC

and OPEI can collaborate on the review of riding lawn mower incident data and on possible future mower rollover research. Staff will provide

incident data to OPEI for joint review of data.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will have a follow-up meeting with the OPEI B71.1 committee in April

2022, to discuss CPSC's potential contract work to study rollovers of riding mowers. Staff is planning to participate in another meeting with the

OPEI B71.1 committee in mid-summer 2022, to jointly review and categorize riding mower incident data. This will facilitate future

collaboration on development of the B71.1 standard.

### **Portable Generators**

**Purpose** To work with UL and PGMA to revise the voluntary standards to strengthen

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with portable generator CO

deaths and injuries.

**Staff Contact** Buyer, Janet

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/PGMA G300- 2018 (Errata Update)	Safety and Performance of Portable Generators
UL 2201, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emission Rate of Portable Generators

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking NPR published on November 21, 2016 (81 FR 83556).

Activities Summary In February 2022, staff published a briefing package on staff's assessment of the effectiveness of the CO hazard-mitigation requirements in UL 2201 and PGMA G300-2018 and information on the availability of compliant products.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this

topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to provide incident data to UL and PGMA in April 2022.

#### **Pressure Cookers**

**Purpose** To work with UL to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

provisions addressing hazards associated with pressure cookers.

Staff Contact Snyder, Duncan Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 136, 8th Edition	Standard for Pressure Cookers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

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Relevant	
Rulemaking	

N/A

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s)

Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff anticipates a preliminary teleconference with STP 136 members to discuss the issues, depending on the committee's schedule, by July

2022.

### **Smoke Alarms**

**Purpose** 

To work with UL, NFPA, and other stakeholders on potential revisions to voluntary standards and codes to strengthen safety provisions addressing

hazards mitigated by smoke alarms.

Staff Contact

Lee, Arthur

Voluntary	,
Standard	(S)

Designation and current version	Title
•	Standard for Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms
NFPA 72, 2022 Edition	National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period. Staff continued working with the contractor in completing

the Smoke and CO Alarms Survey.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to this

topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend the UL 217 meeting in the fall/winter 2022. Staff

plans to attend the first draft technical meeting of NFPA 72 on Single and Multiple Station Alarms in July 2022. Staff will continue working with the

contractor in completing the Smoke and CO Alarms Survey

#### Table Saws

**Purpose** To work with UL on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with blade-contact

injuries from table saws.

**Staff Contact** Paul, Caroleene

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 62841-3-1, 1st	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools,
Edition	Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden
	Machinery – Safety – Part 2-1: Particular
	Requirements for Transportable Table Saws

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking NPR Safety Standard Addressing Blade-Contact Injuries on Table Saws

(82 FR 22190)

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will respond to an UL representative inquiry regarding a staff letter to

UL dated September 20, 2021. Staff plans to reiterate information in the letter, stating that staff's analysis of NEISS data trends related to blade-contact injuries on table saw shows the trend has not changed since 2010, indicating that the latest revision to UL 987 incorporated into UL

62841-3-1 may not be effective in reducing blade-contact injuries on table saws.

### Torch Fuel and Lamp Oil

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on the development of voluntary standards

addressing the hazards associated with the color and design of torch fuel and lamp oil packaging, the color and odor of torch fuel and lamp oil, and the use and design of devices principally intended to house torch fuel

and lamp oil.

**Staff Contact** White, Sharon

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3304-21	Standard Specification for Lamp Fuel and Torch Fuel Packaging
ASTM WK76994	Potentially new voluntary standard for lamp and torch fuel odor and color

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the

reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff participated in task group meetings to address the hazards associated with the color and odor of torch and lamp fuel. There was consensus among the task group that the ASTM F3304-21 standard that was published in September 2021, contained specific requirements that already address the color and odor of torch and lamp fuel and that the better approach would be to add an Appendix to the packaging standard that shows how the packaging standard addresses this issue, rather than develop a separate standard.

Meeting(s)

Staff met twice during the reporting period with the ASTM F15.72 task group to develop a potentially new voluntary standard to address the hazards associated with the color and odor of lamp and torch fuel.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in the next scheduled meeting, which has not been

scheduled.

### **Upholstered Furniture**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM, NFPA, and other stakeholders to revise voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated

with fires involving upholstered furniture

**Staff Contact** Lock, Andrew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM E1353-21	Standard Test Methods for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture
NFPA 260, 2019 Edition	Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1640, Standard for the Flammability of Upholstered Furniture

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM subcommittee and NFPA committee. During the reporting period, staff advised the committees on the details of the new federal standard and provided feedback on other tests for upholstered furniture flammability, which are being developed and

revised.

Meeting(s)

Staff attended an ASTM E05.15 subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee met to discuss several flammability standards, including one for upholstered furniture. Staff provided the subcommittee an update on recent CPSC rulemaking.

Staff attended a NFPA fire test committee, second draft meeting, where staff provided the committee with a brief update of activity on

implementation of 16 CFR part 1640.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January	NFPA 260	Closing of the public comment period for the
2022		2023 edition. The second draft is scheduled to
		be posted in October 2022.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in upcoming ASTM and NFPA meetings in June 2022 and March 2023, respectively. Staff will provide feedback on proposed new and revised standards. Staff will participate in round-robin testing for upholstered furniture testing, as appropriate.

#### Washing Machines

**Purpose** To work with UL to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

provisions addressing hazards associated with an unbalanced load

condition with top-loading washing machines.

**Staff Contact** Kim, Yeon Souk

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

UL 2157, 4th Edition Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

N/A

Relevant Rulemaking

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to provide incident data to UL.

#### Window Coverings

**Purpose** To work with WCMA to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with window covering

cords.

**Staff Contact** Balci-Sinha, Rana

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Current version

ANSI/WCMA A100.1-	Standard for Safety of Corded Window Covering
2018	Products

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

### Relevant Rulemaking

The NPR for the *Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings* was published in the Federal Register (87 FR 1014) on January 7, 2022. On the same day, the Commission published the NPR *Substantial Product Hazard List: Window Covering Cords* (87 FR 891).

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with WCMA on window covering safety issues. During the reporting period, staff participated in steering committee meetings and reviewed and provided comments on draft revisions to the standard.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a conference call with WCMA to discuss the process on reopening the standard and three WCMA steering committee meetings, where they briefed the group on the staff's recommendations, participated in discussions on potential custom window product requirements, presented incident data, and provided comment on proposed revisions to the standard.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
March 1, 2022	Letter	Staff provided a formal response to WCMA on their opposition to continuous cord loop systems and raised issues with single retractable cord lift systems.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will prepare a final rule briefing package for Commission consideration. Staff will participate in upcoming committee meetings as they are scheduled and will review and comment on any ballots issued by WCMA.

### Recreation

## Amusement Rides, Trampoline Parks, and Adventure Attractions

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising their voluntary standards to strengthen

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with amusement rides,

trampoline parks, and adventure attractions.

Staff Contact Taxier, Daniel

# Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
<b>ASTM F747-21a</b>	Standard Terminology Relating to Amusement Rides and Devices
ASTM F770-21a	Standard Practice for Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Amusement Rides and Devices
ASTM F1193-18a	Standard Practice for Quality, Manufacture, and Construction of Amusement Rides and Devices
ASTM F2137-19	Practice for Measuring the Dynamic Characteristics of Amusement Rides
ASTM F2970-20	Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Inspection and Major Modification of Trampoline Courts
ASTM F2974-20	Standard Practice for Auditing Amusement Rides and Devices
ASTM F2291-21	Standard Practice for Design of Amusement Rides and Devices

# Standard(s) Update

In October 2021, ASTM published ASTM F747-21a, *Standard Terminology Relating to Amusement Rides and Devices*. This revision removed the definition of *owner/operator*.

In October 2021, ASTM published F770-21a, *Standard Practice for Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Amusement Rides and Devices*. This revision updated terminology and clarified the scope.

# Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

# Activities Summary

Staff continued working with ASTM F24 to improve safety standards for amusement rides, trampoline parks, and adventure attractions. During the reporting period, staff attended multiple subcommittee and task group meetings, reviewed ballot items, and presented an in-depth investigation (IDI) report for an amusement park ride, restraint-related incident.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended multiple subcommittee and task group meetings for amusement rides and devices. Subcommittees included those for design, maintenance and inspection, and adventure attractions. Task groups included risk assessment, restraints, ride modification, air-inflated devices, and trampoline courts. Staff presented an IDI for a restraint-related incident.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

# Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	Tanada i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 2 proposed changed language to highlight a manufacturer's responsibilities. The item was removed from the ballot.
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 3 proposed changed language to harmonize terms between standards. The item was removed from the ballot.
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 4 proposed changed guide to standard. The item received no negatives but remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in June.
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 5 proposed changed language to harmonize terms between standards. The item was removed from the ballot.
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 6 proposed changed language to harmonize terms between standards. The item was removed from the ballot.
October 2021	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-06) item 8 proposed changed language to highlight a manufacturer's responsibilities. The item was removed from the ballot.
February 2022	ASTM 747	Ballot F24(21-07) item 3 proposed revising the scope. The item was removed from the ballot.
February 2022	ASTM 747	Ballot F24(21-07) item 4 proposed adding a Significance and Use section. The item was removed from the ballot.
February 2022	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-07) item 5 proposed changed language to highlight a manufacturer's responsibilities. The item negatives were withdrawn, but the item remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in June.
February 2022	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-07) item 6 proposed changed language to highlight how to handle non-conforming components. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F1193	Ballot F24(21-07) item 7 proposed changed language to harmonize terms between standards. The item was removed from the ballot.

February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 8 proposed changed
2022	F1193	language to harmonize terms between standards. The item was removed from the ballot.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 9 aligns and adds content from other parts of the standard. The item was removed from the ballot.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 10 proposed adding a ride class to a requirement that had inadvertently been left out. The item received no negatives but remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in June.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 11 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 12 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 13 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 14 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 15 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item received no negatives but remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in June.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 16 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 17 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 18 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item received no negatives but remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in June.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 19 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February 2022	ASTM F2291	Ballot F24(21-07) item 20 proposed changes to the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.

February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 21 proposed changes to
2022	F2291	the electrical requirements. The item remains
	<b>_</b>	unresolved.
February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 22 proposed changes to
2022	F2291	the electrical requirements. The item remains unresolved.
February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 23 proposed editorial
2022	F2291	improvements to text. The item received no
		negatives but remains unresolved. F24
		typically publishes revisions in June.
February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 24 proposed changes to
2022	F2291	highlight responsibilities of
		designer/engineer. The item received no
		negatives but remains unresolved. F24
		typically publishes revisions in June.
February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 25 proposed changed
2022	F2974	language to harmonize terms between
		standards. The item received no negatives but
		remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes
		revisions in June.
February	ASTM F770	Ballot F24(21-07) item 26 proposed changed
2022		language to highlight a manufacturer's
		responsibilities. The item was removed from
		the ballot.
February	ASTM F770	Ballot F24(21-07) item 27 proposed definition
2022		changes. The item received no negatives but
		remains unresolved. F24 typically publishes
		revisions in June.
February	ASTM	Ballot F24(21-07) item 38 proposed addressing
2022	F2291	head-worn accessories. The item negatives
		were withdrawn, but the item remains
		unresolved. F24 typically publishes revisions in
		June.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee that has not yet been scheduled.

# ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles)

# **Purpose**

To work with SVIA to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels to reduce fire, stability, and occupant protection hazards associated with ATVs.

## Staff Contact Lim, Han

Voluntary	•
Standard	(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/SVIA 1-2017	American National Standard for Four Wheel All- Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

# Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rulemaking

16 CFR part 1420, Standard for All-Terrain Vehicles

# Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with SVIA to develop possible performance standard requirements to address fire hazards. During the reporting period, staff met with manufacturers to discuss ATV hazards and notified

SVIA of a contractor report.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff met with SVIA, ROHVA, and OPEI representing off highway vehicle (OHV) manufacturers to discuss issues such as fire and hot surface and debris penetration hazards.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
March 15,	Email	Staff notified SVIA of a CPSC-sponsored
2022		contractor report that was made publicly
		available.

#### Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff is scheduled to meet with OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA on April 1, 2022. SEA staff will give a presentation on ATV occupant protection

devices (OPDs).

# **Bicycles**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to develop new or revised ASTM voluntary standards

to reduce or eliminate hazards associated with bicycles and bicycle

components.

**Staff Contact** Mella, Lawrence

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM F2793-14	Standard Specification for Bicycle Grips

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1512 Requirement for Bicycles

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the subcommittee on issues related to bicycles. During the reporting period, staff provided input on an incident regarding an exposed handlebar. Staff provided their feedback of the proposed new test method for handlebar grip resistance to abrasion and on the agency's position for maintaining or improving safety for these

products.

Meeting(s) Staff attended the ASTM F08.96 ISO TAG meeting to monitor ISO and

CEN standards related to bicycles. Additionally, staff attended the ASTM F08.10 Bicycles fall subcommittee meeting, where the handlebar task group presented a proposed new test method for handlebar grip resistance to abrasion. Staff will participate in the development of the

new test method.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in May 2022.

## Fireworks

**Purpose** To work with AFSL and APA on revising the voluntary standards to

strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with

consumer fireworks.

**Staff Contact** Valliere, Rodney

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
APA 87-1A, 2018 Version	Standard for Construction, Classification, Approval, and Transportation of Consumer Fireworks
AFSL 101 – 115, February 2019	AFSL Standards for Consumer Fireworks

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant 16 CFR § 1500.17, Banned Hazardous Substances and 16 CFR part

Rulemaking 1507, Firework Devices

Activities Staff continued to work with APA and AFSL on fireworks issues. During Summary

the reporting period, staff provided a summary of CPSC fireworks

regulations.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in one APA meeting where staff discussed potential

revisions to APA 87-1A.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action Staff will participate in upcoming APA and AFSL standards committee

meetings, including the APA annual meeting scheduled in September

2022.

# Magnet Sets

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to adequately

address the hazard associated with ingestion of magnets from magnet

sets.

Staff Contact Harsanyi, Stephen

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Specification for Marketing, Packaging, and Labeling Adult Magnet Sets Containing Small, Loose, Powerful Magnets (with a Flux Index ≥50 kG²mm²)

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking The Commission published an NPR, Safety Standard for Magnets on

January 10, 2022 (87 FR 1260).

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with ASTM F15.77 to improve the safety of magnet sets while also working towards a final rule for magnets. Much of this work centered on drafting ballot items pertaining to performance

requirements, and marketing and educational requirements.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting, where they briefed the

group on the scope and process of the NPR. The group discussed

potential changes to the standard and the majority voted to establish a new work item to revise the standard by balloting performance and

marketing/educational requirements.

There were no formal communications during the reporting period. Communication(s)

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action Staff will work with the subcommittee on drafting the abovementioned

ballot items. These items will be balloted for the full F15 committee.

# Playground Equipment, Home

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with home playground

equipment.

Staff Contact Lee. Kevin

**Voluntary** Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1148-22	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Home Playground Equipment

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard listed here was updated March 8, 2022. The revision added chromated copper arsenate (CCA) to the list of materials that shall not be used for playground equipment.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summarv Staff continues to work with ASTM to improve public playground safety by working with the home playground task groups to address slide strangulations and third-party playground accessories. During the reporting period, staff advocated for the standard to prohibit CCA wood as even though it is not sold in the US, it could be imported. Staff also participated in two task groups addressing do-it-yourself swing hangers and slide strangulation.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in the ASTM F15.09 subcommittee meeting in November to discuss potential changes to the standard.

Staff participated in two different task group meetings, one for do-ityourself swing hanger failures and the other for the slide strangulation.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Applicable Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2022	ASTM F1148	ASTM published ballot F15 22-01, item 1, revision of F1148-2022 Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Home Playground Equipment. The ballot added CCA to the list of materials not to use. This item passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meeting on May 16, 2022.

# Playground Equipment, Public

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with public playground

equipment.

Staff Contact Lee, Kevin

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F15.29 F1487-	Standard Consumer Safety Performance
21	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Playground Equipment
ASTM F14.10 F2049-	Safety Performance Specification for Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and
2011(2017)	Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and
, ,	Multi-Family Residential Use Outdoor Play Areas

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM to improve public playground safety by working with task groups to address fall hazards from playground gliders and banister rails. During the reporting period, staff continued to work on updating the CPSC Public Playground handbook and consider ASTM's letter of suggested modifications and attended a subcommittee meeting

on playground fencing.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in ASTM F14.10 Fencing Subcommittee meetings on

playground fencing, where the committee considered changing ASTM F2049 from a specification to a guide but did not end up making the change. Staff had concerns about changing the standard from a

specification to a guide.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022	ASTM F2049	ASTM published ballot F14 21-02, item 1, reapproval of F2049-2011(2017) Safety Performance Specification for Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and Multi-Family Residential Use Outdoor Play Areas. The ballot proposed to make the specification a guide. This item was removed from the ballot due to negative votes.
April 2022		ASTM published ballot F15.29 (22-01), item 1, revision of F1487-2021 Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use. This ballot had not closed at the end of the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings at the ASTM playground meetings in May 2022.

# Playground Surfacing

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standards to address the hazard patterns associated with playground surfacing.

Staff Contact

Lee, Kevin

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1292-18e1	Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment
ASTM F1951-14	Standard Specification for Determination of Accessibility of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment
ASTM F3012-14	Standard Specification for Loose-Fill Rubber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment
ASTM F2223-19a	Standard Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing
ASTM F3313-20	Standard Test Method for Determining Impact Attenuation of Playground Surfaces Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment as Tested in the Field

ASTM F3351-19	Standard Test Method for Playground Surface
	Impact Testing in Laboratory at Specified Test
	Heights

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work on updating the CPSC Public Playground handbook, which references the listed voluntary standards. Staff will

consider ASTM's letter of suggested modifications.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend the next ASTM playground surfacing subcommittee

meeting in May 2022.

# Pools, Portable Unprotected (Child Drowning)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and PHTA (formerly APSP) to revise the voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated

with residential drowning in pool products.

**Staff Contact** Bathalon, Susan

<b>Designation and current</b>	Title
version	
ASTM F2666-16	Standard Specification for Aboveground Portable Pools for Residential Use
ANSI/APSP/ICC-4a-2013	American National Standard for Above- Ground/On-Ground Residential Pools
ANSI/APSP/ICC-8 2005 (R2013)	American National Standard Model Barrier Code for Residential Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs
ASTM WK76767	Potential new standard for computerized vision for drowning detection in residential swimming pools

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary

During the reporting period, staff participated in task group meetings for a new work item on drowning detection. The ASTM and ANSI/ICC/PHTA standard activities are centered on revision of barrier safety requirements

to prevent drowning of young children.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in the task group for ASTM WK76767, a potential new standard for computerized vision for drowning detection in residential swimming pools. Additionally, staff attended meetings of the PHTA-4 Standard Writing Committee (SWC) for aboveground/on-ground swimming pools, and assisted with incident data review, as well as developing more specific language in barrier safety, entrapment hazards, reapproval of the standard, and ladder accessibility and fall hazards.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming task group meetings.

# Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs)

**Purpose** To work with ROHVA and OPEI to develop requirements to address fire

hazards and debris penetration hazards in off-highway vehicles.

Staff Contact Lim, Han

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	American National Standard for Recreational Off- Highway Vehicles
	American National Standard for Multipurpose Off- Highway Utility Vehicles

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking NPR Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs) (79 FR 68964),

November 19, 2014.

The Commission published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fire and Debris Penetration Hazards (86 FR 25817), May 11, 2021.

# Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with OPEI and ROHVA to develop possible performance standard requirements to address fire and debris penetration hazards in ROVs. During the reporting period, staff met with OPEI and ROHVA members to discuss possible performance standard requirements to address fire hazards, based on other related standards.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff met with OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA to discuss possible standard performance requirements for OHV fire hazards. Also, OPEI and ROHVA committee members presented preliminary ideas for test methods to evaluate the debris penetration hazard associated with ROVs and utility task/terrain vehicles (UTVs).

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
December	Email	Staff notified OPEI and ROHVA
22, 2021		representatives regarding the publication of the
		December 2021 CPSC contractor report on
		Debris Penetration Testing

#### Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

At the end of the reporting period, staff was scheduled to meet with OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA on April 1, 2022 to discuss and witness testing for ROV/UTV debris penetration. Staff is preparing a draft NPR for ROV/UTV Debris Penetration Hazards for Commission consideration.

# Self-Balancing Scooters and Light Electric Vehicles

# **Purpose**

To work with ASTM and UL to develop a new voluntary standard or revise the existing standards to strengthen the safety provisions addressing hazards associated with self-balancing scooters, hoverboards, electric-powered scooters and bikes, and other micromobility products for adults.

#### Staff Contact

Mella, Lawrence

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2614-15	Recreational Powered Scooters and Pocket Bikes
ASTM F2642-08	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for
(2015)	Safety Instructions and Labeling for Recreational
	Powered Scooters and Pocket Bikes

ASTM WK57360	Potential new voluntary standard for self-
	balancing scooters and hoverboards
ASTM WK70724	Potential new voluntary standard for commercial
	electric-powered scooters for adults
UL 2849, 1st Edition	Standard for Electrical Systems of eBikes

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM and UL on existing and new safety standards for micromobility products such as hoverboards, ebikes, and self-balancing scooters. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple meetings and provided the annual micromobility data report to

the ASTM F15.58 subcommittee.

Meeting(s) Staff participated multiple task group meetings for ASTM WK70724 on

brakes, tires/operable terrain/suspension, and electrical requirements. Staff also participated in a STP meeting on the electrical systems for

ebikes.

Staff participated in UL 2849 STP meeting focused on functional safety

for electrical safety of ebikes.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/22/2021	Data Report	Staff sent the ASTM F15.58 the CPSC
		report Micromobility Products-Related Deaths,
		Injuries, and Hazard Patterns: 2017–2020.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings,

including the next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in May 2022.

# Sports/Recreational Headgear Sensors/Helmet and Sensors

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to develop and revise helmet and headgear voluntary

standards, and to work with ASTM to develop a new voluntary standard

for headgear sensors.

Staff Contact Dayal, Vineed

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Current version

ASTM F1446-20	Standard Test Methods for Equipment and Procedures Used in Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Protective Headgear
ASTM F1447-18	Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating
ASTM F2220-15	Standard Specification for Headforms

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

reporting period.

Meeting(s) Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend the next subcommittee meeting this April and attend

the upcoming F08 subcommittee week in May.

# Swimming Pools/Spas, Drain Entrapment

**Purpose** To work with PHTA (formerly APSP) to ensure that the incorporated

voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing entrapment hazards associated with pool drain cover products intended for swimming pools, wading pools, spas, and hot tubs, as well as installation of those products

in public pools.

**Staff Contact** Eilbert, Mark

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ANSI/APSP/ICC 16- American National Standard for Above-Ground/On-Ground Residential Pools

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking 16 CFR part 1450, Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with PHTA to improve pool and spa safety. On September 21, 2021, staff wrote to PHTA to recommend further work take place on a provisional amendment to ANSI/APSP/ICC 16-

2017. During the reporting period, staff worked with PHTA to review the

requirements.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a meeting with PHTA to review the September 21, 2021 letter, where staff suggested that the provisional amendment to ANSI/APSP/ICC 16-2017 have requirements for the safe spacing of dual drain outlets, specific to the integrated suction outlet fitting assemblies (SOFAs) in storable pools. PHTA agreed to add a reference from PHTA-

4, which references requirements for dual drain separation.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming PHTA meetings.

# Swimming Pools/Spas, Vacuum Relief System

**Purpose** 

To work with PHTA (formally APSP) and ASTM to ensure the voluntary standards for secondary entrapment avoidance systems maintain the adequate backup safety levels, that are required in the federal mandatory standard, for entrapment hazards associated with pool drains in swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.

Staff Contact

Eilbert, Mark

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/APSP/ICC-7- 2020	Suction Entrapment Avoidance
ASTM F2387-21	Manufactured Safety Vacuum Release Systems (SVRS) for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs
	Potential new voluntary standard for safety vacuum release systems, automatic pump shut-off systems, shut-off systems, and vacuum limiting systems for swimming pools, spas, wading pools, hot tubs, and catch pools

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant

N/A

#### Rulemaking

Activities There has been no activity associated with the standard during the

**Summary** reporting period.

*Meeting(s)* Staff did not participate in any voluntary standards meetings related to

this topic during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming PHTA meetings.

#### Tents

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on developing a voluntary standard to address the

hazards associated with tent flammability.

Staff Contact Tenney, Allyson

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3431-21	Standard Specification for Determining Flammability of Materials for Recreational
	Camping Tents and Warning Labels for Associated Hazards

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM on developing performance requirements and test methods to evaluate the flammability of

recreational camping tents. During the reporting period, staff participated on the task group to study available technical data and evaluate testing options to develop a possible screening test or alternative test plan for certain product categories. Staff proposed a test methodology for

material evaluation for task group review.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in two ASTM F08.22 subcommittee meetings during the

reporting period. Staff volunteered to participate in a task group.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in a June meeting of the subcommittee and

September meeting of the task group. Staff will support the development of a potential screening test or testing exemptions or exceptions related to the weight or construction of a recreational camping tent by assisting

with sample selection and test methodology development.

#### Treadmills

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and UL to develop and revise treadmill voluntary

standards.

Staff Contact Bowley, Susan

Voluntary Standard(s)

3	Title
current version	
ASTM F2115-19	Standard Specification for Motorized Treadmills
ASTM F1749-15(2020)	Standard Specification for Fitness Equipment and
	Fitness Facility Safety Signage and Labels
ASTM F2276-10(2015)	Standard Specification for Fitness Equipment
UL 1647, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Motor-Operated Massage and Exercise Machines

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary On April 26, 2021, staff sent a letter to ASTM, requesting that the ASTM F08.30 subcommittee on fitness products develop requirements in ASTM F2115-19 to address hazards observed in incident data pertaining to treadmills, specifically entrapment of children and other objects underneath the rear roller on an operating treadmill. During the reporting period, staff provided incident data over a 10-year period and participated in subcommittee and task group meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in several subcommittee and task group meetings focused on incident data review, hazard identification, testing and characterization enhancements, and other topics to address safety issues related to treadmills.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/23/2022	Incident	Staff provided the subcommittee with treadmill
	Data	incident data for the period January 2010
		through September 2021.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue participating in monthly task group meetings and will

participate in-person in May 2022 subcommittee meetings.

# Codes, Analytical Methods, and Labeling

# **Building Codes**

**Purpose** To work with various model building codes to ensure consumer safety

considerations of referenced consumer products

**Staff Contact** Ayers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

	Title
current version	
NFPA 30, 2021 Edition	Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code
NFPA 58, 2020 Edition	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
NFPA 70, 2020 Edition	National Electrical Code®
NFPA 72, 2022 Edition	National Fire Alarm Signaling Code®
NFPA 101, 2021	Life Safety Code®
Edition	

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary Staff have been participating in several NFPA model codes for many years. During the reporting period, staff joined the NFPA 58 committee. Staff met with ICC and IAPMO staff to learn about other model codes and how to get involved. Staff participated in NFPA 30 and NFPA 70 meetings during the reporting period. Staff is advocating for flame mitigation devices in NFPA 30 and ground fault interrupter circuits in NFPA 70.

Meeting(s)

Staff met with ICC and IAPMO staff separately to learn which model

codes staff may be interested in and how to participate

Staff participated in two NFPA 30 correlating meetings.

Staff participated in many CMP meetings and several task groups during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2022		Public comments closed in preparation of the second draft of the next edition

**Next Action** 

Staff will continue to participate in the various NFPA model codes. As part of the FY2023 Operating Plan, staff will propose to join ICC and IAPMO committees next FY, at the start of the next revision cycle.

# Chemical Test Methods

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM to ensure that the listed chemical test methods referenced in various CPSC test procedures and requirements are adequately maintained.

Staff Contact

Duque, Maricar

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM E1645-21	Standard Practice for Preparation of Dried Paint
	Samples by Hotplate or Microwave Digestion for
	Subsequent Lead Analysis
ASTM F2617-15	Standard Test Method for Identification and
	Quantification of Chromium, Bromine, Cadmium,
	Mercury, and Lead in Polymeric Material Using
	Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectrometry
ASTM F2853-10(2015)	Standard Test Method for Determination of Lead
	in Paint Layers and Similar Coatings or in
	Substrates and Homogenous Materials by Energy
	Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
	Using Multiple Monochromatic Excitation Beams
ASTM E3193-21	Standard Test Method for Measurement of Lead
	(Pb) in Dust by Wipe, Paint, and Soil by Flame
	Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (FAAS)
ASTM E3203-21	Standard Test Method for Determination of Lead
	in Dried Paint, Soil, and Wipe Samples by
	Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission
	Spectroscopy (ICP-OES)
ASTM D7823-20	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low
	Level Phthalates in Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Plastics
	by Thermal Desorption—Gas
	Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

,	Standard Guide for Analyzing Complex Phthalates
	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low Level Phthalates in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Solvent Extraction—Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

The voluntary standards listed here were not updated during the reporting

period.

# Relevant Rulemaking

N/A

# Activities Summary

Staff worked with the ASTM D20.70 subcommittee on analytical methods to review the status of several analytical methods. Staff volunteered to participate in an ASTM D20.70 Inter-laboratory Study (ILS) of phthalate test methods, focusing on, ASTM D8133.

Staff worked with an Expert Group (EG) with The Organization for Cooperation and Economic (OECD) to develop a new test method (HCI 0.032M) that is similar to a method used by CPSC determining cadmium extractability from children's metal jewelry.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in two ASTM D20.70 meetings during the reporting period. Staff volunteered to participate in an Inter-Laboratory Study for ASTM D7823 and ASTM D8133.

Staff participated in the OECD EG meeting during the reporting period. This group discussed the merits and concerns with the draft Test Guidance on the determination of metal release using HCI 0.032M test method.

#### Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

# Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming ASTM task group meetings or subcommittee meetings, when scheduled. Staff expects to start the ASTM D20.70 ILS work on ASTM D8133 in July 2022, then share results around August 2022. The next subcommittee meeting will be in November 2022. Staff will participate in the EG meeting with the OECD

in June 2022.

#### National Electrical Code

**Purpose** To work with the NFPA to revise the *National Electrical Code (NEC)*, to

strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards associated with electrical fires, CO poisoning, and shock incidents associated with consumer products such as household appliances, pools and spas,

generators, electrical equipment, and wiring products.

**Staff Contact** Miller, Einstein

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Current version
NFPA 70, 2020 Edition National Electrical Code®

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rulemaking N/A

Activities Summary

Staff is participating in the development of the next edition to the NEC; the NEC is revised every three years. During the reporting period, staff advocated for requirements for ground fault circuit interrupters and arc fault circuit interrupters to reduce shock and fire hazards. Staff also began participating in a task group to evaluate and reach an informed technical solution to the issues raised regarding unwanted GFCI tripping on outdoor AC units as required in the 2020 NEC Section 210.8(F).

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in many code-making panels (CMP) 2 and CMP 17 meetings and several task groups during the reporting period.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will provide electrocution data and other input to the task group. Staff will monitor for any TIAs and motions made during the NFPA annual meeting in June 2022. Staff will continue to participate in the NEC future revisions and related task groups to address fire, shock, CO poisoning and other hazards.

# Warning Signs and Labels (and Ad Hoc Language)

#### **Purpose**

To work with SDOs to develop or enhance warnings, labels, and other written means of conveying product safety information to consumers, not already covered by another tracked voluntary standard.

Staff Contact	Smith, Tim	
Voluntary Standard(s)	Designation and current version	Title

current version ANSI Z535.7 Warnings in Electronic Media

Standard(s) The voluntary standard listed here was not updated during the reporting period. However, the ASTM F15 Ad Hoc Language task group may Update

influence changes in multiple standards.

N/A Relevant Rulemaking

**Activities** During the reporting period, staff participated in ASTM F15 task group Summary meetings and reviewed Ad Hoc language updates to multiple ASTM standards.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in an ASTM Ad Hoc language task group meeting working on possible revisions to the recommended wording of warnings related to safe sleep for products that are not intended for infant sleep.

There were no formal communications during the reporting period. Communication(s)

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM Ad Hoc Language task group

meeting, scheduled for May 23, 2022.

# **Appendix: Organizational Abbreviations**

The list below contains abbreviations for SDOs and other groups related to the standards that staff typically participate in. Some abbreviations below may not be used in the current VSTAR.

AATCC	American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists
AFSL	The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory
AHAM	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
AHFA	American Home Furnishing Alliance
AHRI	Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
ANSI	The American National Standards Institute
APA	American Pyrotechnics Association
APSP	The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (now part of The
71 0.	Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, see PHTA)
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning
	Engineers
ASTM	ASTM International
BIFMA	Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturing Associations
CAN	Standards Council of Canada designation for a National Standard
CANENIA	of Canada
CANENA	Council for Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the
CSA	Nations in the Americas
CSA	CSA Group
	TSC – Technical Subcommittee
EN	TC – Technical Committee
EN	European Standards
IAPMO	International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
ICC	International Code Council
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
	TAG – Technical Advisory Group
115144	TC – Technical Committee
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
	CMP – Code Making Panel
	NEC – National Electrical Code
	TIA – Technical Interim Agreement
NFSI	National Floor Safety Institute
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOCSAE	National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic
	Equipment
OPEI	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
PGMA	Portable Generator Manufacturers Association
PHTA	Pool & Hot Tub Alliance
ROHVA	Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SVIA	Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

UL	Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (Research and standards,	
	nonprofit)	
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	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. but now a legally separate, for	
	profit firm	
	STP – Standards Technical Panel	
	ORD – Other Recognized Document (pertains to voluntary	
	standards recognized in Canada)	
ULC	Underwriters Laboratories of Canada	
WCMA	Window Covering Manufacturers Association	