

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
LOG OF TELEPHONE CALL

SUBJECT: Treestand Petition CP 02-3

DATE OF TELEPHONE CALL: 9/25/2002

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: JDR *[Signature]*

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: 9/26/2002

LOCATION: CPSC

CPSC PARTICIPANT(S): DeWane Ray, Project Manager, Treestand Petition
Carolyn Meirs, Human Factors
Jason Goldsmith, Health Sciences

NON-CPSC PARTICIPANT(S): J. Nigel Ellis, Ph.D, President Dynamic Scientific Controls

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CALL: The purpose of the phone call was to discuss Dr. Ellis's knowledge of fall protection research. He gave the CPSC information on studies conducted by the Air Force on fall protection. Mr. Ellis is currently working on 16 cases involving deaths from safety belts. He said the majority of these deaths involved chest belts. He was not aware of any cases in which a hunter was killed as a result of a full body harness. He did not feel the current ASTM standards for treestands were adequate. Specifically he did not feel the climbing stand could be made safe due to problems with stability and adherence. Dr. Ellis stated he worked on the development of the ANSI Z359 standard. He did not think the ANSI standard could easily/inexpensively/effectively be applied to hunters, since it is geared toward the construction industry and requires training and expense. Dr. Ellis said he was willing to provide more information as requested by CPSC.

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