



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT: ASTM F15.59** Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Task Group Meeting Log

**FY 26 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**DATE OF MEETING:** 2/5/2025

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Brad Gordon (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 2/10/2026

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Brad Gordon (ESMC), Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Steve Harsanyi (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

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

### Summary of Meeting:

The ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Task Group (TG) met to discuss the following aspects related to the draft standard for children's standing towers:

- **Multimodal products.** One member raised concerns about products that function as both high chairs and standing towers, questioning how to distinguish between the modes when the standing tower's standing surface is the same as the high chair's seating surface. Another member proposed adding language to the standard that clarifies, for multimodal products, the standing surface is also a seating surface. Staff requested an example product be shared so the TG could visualize the issue of concern. The TG agreed to look at existing products and continue the discussion at a later time.
- **Cords and straps as guardrails.** One member pointed out that the requirements for cords and straps were removed from the draft standard for children's step stools. However, the member suggested leaving in requirements for cords and straps in the draft standard for children's standing towers due to existing products using them as guardrails. Staff expressed concern about long cords functioning as loops—which could pose a strangulation hazard. After some discussion, the TG agreed to leave the requirements for cords and straps in the draft standard for children's standing towers.
- **Handholds and footholds combined with the standing surface.** One member suggested combining the requirements for handholds and footholds with the standing surface, as was done with the draft standard for children's step stools. Another member disagreed, opining that the wording was adequate as-is. No consensus was reached.



- ***Bounded openings and guardrail requirements.*** The latest draft used a smaller wedge block for testing bounded openings, as was done in the draft standard for children's step stools. Staff also proposed adding a protrusion and post requirement: to prevent possible strangulation or impalement hazards from protrusions. The TG agreed. The TG chair will review playground protrusion requirements for the next meeting.
- ***Adjustable guardrails and performance testing.*** The TG discussed the need for adjustable guardrails to remain functional and not change adjustment positions during testing. Staff suggested clarifying that a guardrail that becomes completely separated from the product should not be considered as passing. The TG agreed.
- ***Drop test requirements.*** The TG discussed whether the weight used in the drop test requirement should be 50 lbs. or 65 lbs. The TG agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- ***Warnings.*** The TG discussed improvements to the on-product warnings based on ongoing work in ASTM's Ad Hoc Language TG. CPSC staff identified redundant language in the warnings that could be removed to make the warnings more concise and more likely to be read, as well as language that is unnecessary and potentially misleading.

#### **Next Steps:**

The TG plans to meet March 5, 2026, from 3:00–4:30 PM (ET) to continue work on the draft standard for children's standing towers.