



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.09 Home Playgrounds Toddler Climbers Task Group Meeting

FY 26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Playground Equipment (Home)

DATE OF MEETING: 05/04/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual and in-person at the Hyatt Regency Dallas

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): In person: Andy Newens (ESMC); Virtual: Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Celestine Kish (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for a list of non-CPSC attendees.

Summary of Meeting:

The Toddler Climbers Task Group (TG) was formed under the ASTM F15.09 Home Playgrounds subcommittee. In recent years, toddler climbers (also called “triangle climbers”) have seen increased use in the home, bringing an increased rate of injuries or potential injuries such as head entrapment and impact from falls or products collapsing. There is currently no voluntary standard (VS) that adequately addresses the hazards to infants and toddlers posed by these types of climbers. An initial draft of a proposed new standard was adapted from ASTM F2373-24 *Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Use Play Equipment for Children 6 Months through 23 Months*.

Leadership of the TG is transitioning from Clarence Mow to Khalisa Phillips. The TG reviewed each major section of the proposed draft standard to identify future actions. Group members identified sections needing changes, including definitions, ladders/stairways, structural integrity requirements, and the section on instructions and warnings.

CPSC provided feedback to the question of whether small climber/slide/swing combos for ages 1–4 would be in scope, stating that they are likely to fall under F1148 using 2+ year-old probes based on historical precedent with similar equipment. The group analyzed whether and how to define “slides” for toddler climbers because toddler sliding boards differ significantly from playground slides in F2373.

Consensus formed around:

- Requiring childproof latching/locking and a detachment force test.
- Avoiding reliance on simple notches that can dislodge.
- Considering requirements from F963 or similar juvenile-product standards.

Other questions about slides/sliding boards arose regarding maximum slope, minimum ramp length (>24" to avoid steep slopes), sidewall needs, and width requirements. General agreement emerged that full slide-specific requirements may not be appropriate due to low fall height. The task group decided to remove most F2373 slide requirements and focus on defining new criteria for toddler-specific sliding boards and climbing ramps. All related figures from F2373 were removed from the draft.

TG consensus was to get more manufacturers involved to help develop the standard.

Next Steps:

The TG plans to meet again virtually in June and August. The next F15.09 subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2026, in Jacksonville, FL.