



MEETING LOG

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

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

DATE OF MEETING: 5/7/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF)

FILING DATE: 05/19/2026

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

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 convened to discuss recent standing tower recalls and continue developing the draft standard standing towers. CPSC staff provided an overview of three recalls¹ and a safety alert² associated with instability, collapse, and entrapment hazards. Staff mentioned that some standing towers are sold with fabric/mesh nets to cover openings in the tower sides and ends and recommended the task group consider the safety implications of such coverings, in particular, the use of adjustable or loose straps.

The task group then went through the draft standard for standing towers with some discussion and modifications throughout. The task group discussed at length the following topics, among others: use of wood screws for key structural elements, bounded openings and entrapment hazards, corner posts and protrusions, and stability testing. One attendee indicated in today's meeting that, contrary to the other attendees, he is in favor of allowing wood screws for key structural elements and plans to work on a proposal for a torque test to confirm they are used safely. He also plans to further evaluate the tip-over testing requirements. The task

¹ See: 1. https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2026/Childrens-Tower-Stools-Recalled-Due-to-Risk-of-Serious-Injury-and-Death-from-Entrapment-and-Fall-Hazards-Imported-by-AMZCMJ-DGD?utm_campaign=&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=20260424, 2. <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2026/Wiifo-Childrens-Tower-Stools-Recalled-Due-to-Risk-of-Serious-Injury-and-Death-from-Entrapment-and-Fall-Hazards-Imported-by-Wiifo>, and 3. <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2026/Childrens-Tower-Stools-Recalled-Due-to-Risk-of-Serious-Injury-and-Death-from-Entrapment-and-Fall-Hazards-Imported-by-TOETOL-HOME>.

² See: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Warnings/2026/CPSC-Warns-Consumers-to-Stop-Using-Bauhini-SDADI-Kitchen-Step-Stools-Immediately-Due-to-Entrapment-Tip-Over-and-Fall-Hazards-Risk-of-Serious-Injury>.



group indicated they will continue to work on the requirements for bounded openings, entrapment hazards, corner posts, and protrusions. The task group will continue reviewing the draft standard at the meeting.

Next Steps:

The task group's next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026, from 3:00–4:30 PM (ET).