

MEETING LOG

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

OP PLAN ENTRY: Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

DATE OF MEETING: 6/5/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Brad Gordon (ESMC)

FILING DATE: 7/16/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Brad Gordon (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Suad Wanna-

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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) discussed the following aspects related to the draft standard for children's step stools:

- The TG discussed possible updates to the fall and tip-over hazard warnings and labels within the draft standard. CPSC staff recommended using concise language and focusing on the primary hazards identified in incident data, including directions to stand in the center of the product and warn against leaning over the sides. The TG agreed and plans to review more recent incident data to determine if additional language should be considered.
- The TG reviewed the amputation hazard warnings and labels in the draft standard.
- The TG reviewed the instructional literature section of the draft standard to determine it required any updates. CPSC staff recommended adding the language "clean as needed." The TG agreed.
- The TG discussed instructions for using the products. This discussion included what safety
 information, if any, should be included on the cover page, and with consideration to presenting the
 information in multiple languages. CPSC staff supported including age and weight limits on the cover
 page.
- The TG discussed head and neck entrapment requirements based on rump to sole measurements.
 CPSC staff suggested that the TG review the recommendations for gaps under guardrails and barriers



in the Public Playground Safety Handbook.¹.

Next Steps:

The Task Group for Children's Step Stools plans to meet June 26, 2025, from 3:00–4:30 PM (ET), to continue working on the draft standard.

¹ https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/playgrounds/public-playground-safety-handbook