



## MEETING LOG

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

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**DATE OF MEETING:** 6/27/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Brad Gordon

**FILING DATE:** 7/24/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Brad Gordon (ESMC), and Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

**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 Performance Task Group (TG) met to discuss the following.

#### In-person meeting in September

The TG discussed holding a two-day in-person meeting to finish work on the draft standard. The TG agreed to meet at CPSC's research facility (5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850) on September 24-25, 2024 from 9AM–5PM. The TG reviewed a pdf showing various models of children's standing towers and step stools. The group selected several models for possible testing at the September meeting.

#### Stability requirements

CPSC staff conveyed test results for a recalled product against the high chair standard EN14988 (*Children's high chairs – Requirements and test methods*). The group discussed additional test methods. CPSC staff commented that the group may want to consider situations where a child is on a standing tower and pushes off of another object (such as a countertop). The TG agreed. The TG discussed the stability test method presented in another high chair standard (ASTM F404-21, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs*). The TG discussed using the ASTM F404-21 stability test method on recalled products and non-recalled products. The TG also discussed rearward stability requirements.

The TG considered incorporating stability requirements from a portable ladders standard (CSA CAN3-Z11,



*Portable Ladders*) and a step stools standard (ANSI ASC A14.11-2018, *Safety Requirements for Stepstools*).

The TG discussed front stability of standing towers. One member pointed out that, in certain circumstances, there may be issues with identifying which side is the front. The TG agreed that the draft standard should include a diagram and also define the terms “front” and “back”.

**Next Steps:**

The TG plans to meet August 15, 2024 to continue working on the draft standard.