



MEETING LOG

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

OP PLAN ENTRY: Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

DATE OF MEETING: 6/26/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Brad Gordon (ESMC)

FILING DATE: 8/6/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Brad Gordon (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF)

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

Summary of Meeting:

The ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Learning Towers Task Group (TG) convened to continue working on the draft standard for children's step stools.

One member presented a product and asked the TG about their thoughts as to whether the product fell within the scope of the current draft standard for children's step stools. The TG agreed that the product did not fall within the scope of the draft standard because it did not stand freely.

The TG reviewed the CPSRMS- and NEISS-reported step stool incidents provided by the CPSC, which spanned January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The incidents involved a range of hazards, such as falls, entrapments, lacerations, and amputations. Reports indicated various product failures, such as stability issues and products collapsing or folding during use.

The TG then reviewed the draft standard and made edits throughout with consideration to the incident data. CPSC staff recommended the warning label should be updated to indicate "serious" head injuries and other types of injuries, based on the incident data. The TG agreed. The TG also agreed it is important to emphasize in the instructional literature that children may move and use step stools to access hazards when caregivers are not present.

Next Steps:

The TG plans to continue updating the draft standard and get it out to ballot (TBD).