



9/26/2023

Ben Elkin
Chair ASTM F13 Committee
Principal, Senior Biomechanical Engineer
MEA Forensic Engineers & Scientists
22 Voyager Court South
Toronto, ON

Dear Mr. Elkin:

I would like to introduce Brad Gordon as the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) designated representative for the ASTM Committee F13 for pedestrian/walkway safety and footwear.¹ Mr. Gordon has a strong background in chemical and biomolecular engineering and will be focused on CPSC priorities related to addressing falls, especially in the older population. He can be reached at bgordon@cpsc.gov and 301-987-2099.

In my last communication with you, I referenced CPSC-funded contract work with the Arizona State University to conduct human slip studies on subjects stepping in/out of bath surfaces. We strongly encourage ASTM to build upon this research to address the significant risk of slips and falls. The reports associated with that contract have since been published on CPSC's website, and are available at the following links:

- Bath Surface Contract Task 1 Report on Tribology - <https://cpsc.gov/content/Bath-Surface-Contract-Report-on-Tribology-Task-1>
- Bath Surface Contract Task 2 Report on Tribometer Values of Reference Surfaces-
<https://cpsc.gov/content/Bath-Surface-Contract-Report-on-Tribometer-Values-of-Reference-Surfaces-Task-2>
- Bath Surface Contract Task 3 Report on Human Slip Study -
<https://cpsc.gov/content/Bath-Surface-Contract-Report-on-Human-Slip-Study-Task-3>

Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Gordon to introduce him to the various task groups and efforts by ASTM F13 to improve pedestrian safety. We look forward to continued collaboration with ASTM on addressing fall hazards.

Sincerely,

¹ The views expressed in this letter are those of CPSC staff and have not been approved by, and do not necessarily reflect the views of, the Commission.

Caroleene Paul

Caroleene Paul
Director, Division of Mechanical and Combustion Engineering
Directorate of Engineering Sciences

Cc: Jacqueline Campbell, CPSC Voluntary Standards Coordinator
Bradly Gordon, Mechanical Engineer, Directorate of Engineering Sciences
Travis Murdoch, ASTM F13 Staff Manager