



MEETING LOG

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

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

DATE OF MEETING: 12/5/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Brad Gordon

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

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

Summary of Meeting:

The ASTM F15.59 Task Group (TG) met to discuss the following items related to the draft standard for Children's Step Stools:

Separating Stools into Categories

The TG discussed separating stools into categories based on the height of the standing surface and having separate requirements for each category.

Warnings and instructions

The TG discussed potential requirements for warnings and instructions. The TG discussed which circumstances a product should carry a warning conveying that a child should always be kept within arm's reach while using the product. The group discussed whether standing towers with tall standing surfaces should be used only under supervision. Several members opined that it's unrealistic to expect caregivers to maintain supervision of children using step stools. The group agreed that children using step stools are likely to have more independence than, for example, children using a product with full containment, such as a standing tower. The TG discussed whether an amputation hazard pictogram would be appropriate for step stools with folding mechanisms.



Handrail and guardrail requirements

The TG discussed whether to require hand and guard rails for step stools above a specified height. CPSC staff mentioned that for playgrounds, barriers for toddlers are recommended at standing platforms of 18 inches or higher.

Next Steps:

The TG plans to meet January 10, 2025, from 3:00–4:30 PM (EST) to continue work on the draft standard for children’s step stools.