

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: ANSI-ASC A14 COMMITTEE MEETING

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LOCATION: ALI HEADQUARTERS, 330 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60611

CPSC ATTENDEES: Thomas E. Caton, ESME – Attended via conference call

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ANSI-ASC A14 for rooster

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting was the semi-annual ANSI-ASC A14 Ladder Sub-Committee meeting to discuss the various ladder standards. The meeting opened with the introduction of the member and the voting on four new members (two users and two manufacturers). A presentation was made for promoting the March 2019 National Ladder Safety Month ([www.laddersafetymonth.com](http://www.laddersafetymonth.com)).

The A14 committee reviewed the status of each A14 standard sub-committee. The following is a summary of the sub-committee reports:

- a. A14.1 Wood Ladders – the latest revision was published on September 1, 2018.
- b. A14.2 Metal Ladders – the latest revision was published December 22, 2017.
- c. A14.3 Fixed Ladders – revision going to sub-committee and it is critical that a revision or a re-approval occurs gets approved during fourth quarter of 2018.
- d. A14.4 Job Made – Public comments concluded; a negative has been resolved and its revision has been re-submitted for approval on September 17, 2018 revision may be ready by the end of 2018.b.
- e. A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders – revision published on December 7, 2017.
- f. A14.7 Stands and Platforms - Rolling Ladder – new test surface for the foot slip test being developed. A study of platform ladders in which the user steps off the top platform and onto another surface will be expanded to investigate the:
  - acceptable distances for exiting and handrail dimensions.
  - proper location of the test load.

- step up or step down distance.
- language for how the unit should be secured before use.

There was a discussion of OSHA and ANSI interpretations of when it may be acceptable to face away when ascending or descending a stairway ladder.

- g. A14.8 Ladder Accessories; meeting next week to discuss round robin testing; draft by end of December 2018.
- h. A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways; a completed revision is ready but there was a discussion about adding new products that are now in the market as to whether they should be added to A14.9 or to A14.2 instead.
- i. A14.11 Utility Stepstool Standard; published June 22, 2018; this standard covers products 36 inches high and lower and supersedes the plastic, metal, and wood stepstool requirements from A14.1, A14.2, and A14.5.

The Label Task Force is putting together a rationale and waiting for feedback on labels.

The accident Statistics Sub-Committee Task Force still exists and a discussion was made if it should continue or disband. One of its original intents was to provide information about how an accident investigation should be conducted, but information is needed about what type of ladders and how ladder accidents are being reported. Such a task force would require access to incident details compiled from CPSC 360 data. It will be decided during the Spring 2019 A14 meeting if this task force will continue.

A discussion was conducted about a proposal to study hand placement, different use angles for ladders, new-style work platforms, and how ANSI A14 standards would be updated when referencing ASTM standards in their text.

Next ANSI-ASC A14 Committee meeting tentatively planned for March 13, 2019 (subject to change) in Chicago.

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