

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: UL task group on hyperthermia and portable heaters Meeting #4

DATE OF MEETING(S): October 1, 2020

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Arthur Lee, ESEF

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MEETING TYPE: Conference call

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Arthur Lee, ESEF

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

- Reviewed previous meeting for questions
- Update on the incidents from September 1, 2018 to present (May 29, 2020)
 - Only one incident involving the death of a 22 month old in an RV. The confirmed space was about 60 square feet.
 - The rarity of the incidents would suggest that labeling, marking and education be the main focus for the task group.
- Labeling and education
 - Sub-task group
 - First meeting of task sub-group to discuss how to address hyperthermia hazards associated with electric room/space heaters through labeling requirements. Task group discussed what specific hazards need to be addressed, who the messaging should target (at-risk population), and potential standards to use as templates for placement, formatting, and contents. Task group will continue to work to develop labeling requirements.
 - Emphasis on warnings about using portable heaters in small spaces and to use the lowest heat setting
- Performance standard changes
 - Examine at looking at improvements to portable heaters that have Auto Temp.
 - If Auto Temp is pressed, the temperature will not go to last temperature setting but rather to a predetermined safe temperature, such as 86 degrees F
 - Suad will look at references to support the predetermined safe temperature

- Andy and Joel will look at what changes to the standard would be needed
- Next meeting
 - Will Doodle Poll for dates and times best for the group
 - Target is about 6-7 weeks from now