

CPSC Meeting Log

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.29 F1487 Playground Equipment for Public Use Subcommittee Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 2020

PLACE OF MEETING: Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Kevin Lee (ESMC)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Kevin Lee (ESMC),

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff provided incident data on gliders to the subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed the lack of incidents occurring after 2012. However, CPSC staff stated a lack of reported incidents is not evidence that incidents did not occur. For instance, staff stated it was possible for glider incidents to be reported as a slide incidents instead.

The subcommittee discussed the closed ballots. The subcommittee found CPSC staff's negative vote in regards to the glider ballot to be non-persuasive. Gliders will be added the next version of the ASTM standard. The subcommittee found staff's negative vote non-persuasive for the following reasons:

- There are many gliders similar to the recalled product in the marketplace for decades.
- Lateral discharge is a known issue and designers/manufactures will perform their own hazard analysis and risk assessment.
- Gliders are not allowed on a preschool aged playground because the product is more challenging
- Other than the 16 known injuries reported from the CPSC recall, no additional injury data has been made available.
- If the surfacing meets or exceeds the requirements of F1487 and F1292, serious life threatening and/or debilitating injuries are not likely to occur.
- If 16 broken arms/legs/collar bones are the metric to be used, then most piece of upper body equipment such as horizontal ladders would need to be recalled years ago.
- "abrupt changes in direction" has not been defined since there are too many variables to consider in making such a limit recommendation on slope, turning radius, or angle/change in direction of the user.

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 2021.