



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.18 Non-Full-Size (NFS) Cribs and Play Yards Pictogram Task Group Meeting

**FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Non-Full-Size Cribs and Play Yards

**DATE OF MEETING:** 09/12/2023

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF)

**FILING DATE:** 09/13/2023

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Frederick DeGrano (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Contact ASTM for the attendee list.

### Summary of Meeting:

The ASTM F15.18 NFS Cribs and Play Yards Pictogram Task Group convened to continue working on potential pictograms and warning language for the suffocation hazard warning label required by ASTM F406, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards*. The task group reviewed numerous iterations of suffocation pictograms based on illustrations developed for the CPSC by Kalsher and Associates, LLC.<sup>1</sup> The task group discussed potential consequences associated with various illustration details, such as misinterpretation and distraction from too many items and too much activity in the illustrations. One member requested that a green check mark and red "X" be used in the illustrations to signify proper and improper actions, respectively, and CPSC staff supported this suggestion. The task group agreed that using a skull and crossbones, as opposed to an "X," could confuse consumers by implying the hazard is related to poison rather than suffocation. Based on previous recommendations from CPSC staff, the task group chair presented examples of illustrations that demonstrate the suffocation hazard, such as showing a blanket covering an infant's airway. There were several recommendations that the task group agreed would be preferable if not for the small size of the pictogram and potentially poor resolution, such as depicting the prone sleep hazard and having a pillow obscure the infant's airway.

The task group also discussed adding the phrase "bare is best" to the warning label, as well as other language. Several members requested that this phrase be added to the pictogram itself. CPSC staff recommended that if the phrase is added to the warning label, it should be explained because some consumers may not recognize the phrase, and some may misinterpret it. As an example, CPSC staff suggested the task group consider

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<sup>1</sup> See CPSC Staff Statement on Kalsher & Associates, LLC's, "CPSC Warning Label Safety Symbol Research: Final Report": <https://www.cpsc.gov/content/CPSC-Warning-Label-Safety-Symbol-Research-Final-Report-with-CPSC-Staff-Statement>.



stating in the warning message panel: “ALWAYS use a firm, flat surface.” This language, paired with the “bare is best” phrase, is promoted on CPSC’s website.<sup>2</sup>

**Next Steps:**

The task group will continue to work asynchronously on the suffocation hazard warning, such as to determine appropriate sizing for the illustrations. No additional task group meetings are planned at this time.

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<sup>2</sup> See safe sleep and bare is best information on CPSC’s website: <https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/kids-and-babies-cribs/safe-sleepbare-best>.