



## **MEETING LOG**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of ASTM Infant Bath Tubs Warning Task Group

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Infant Bath Tubs

**DATE OF MEETING:** 1/8/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual (Webex)

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Zachary Foster

**FILING DATE:** 1/18/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Zachary Foster

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

### **Summary of Meeting:**

This task group ("TG") was formed to explore potential revisions to the warning requirements in ASTM F2670 intended to address drowning hazards associated with infant bath tubs. This was the first meeting of the task group.

One TG member proposed an audio alarm that "chirps" when the bath tub is filled to a certain level with water. Several members noted concerns regarding how such a change would affect product testing. One member also noted that such a change is beyond the scope of the TG. Another member also expressed concern that this would effectively eliminate products that are not battery-powered. The TG elected not to pursue this option.

The TG then moved to discuss revisions to the warning requirements. The TG reviewed incident data provided by CPSC staff to the ASTM Infant Bath Tubs subcommittee. The TG noted that, in several incidents, full-size bath tubs that the infant bath tubs were placed into were filled with water and/or infants were left unattended in infant bath tubs. Upon reviewing the current warning language in ASTM F2670, several TG members (including CPSC staff) expressed that more direct warnings with active language may better communicate the hazard. Several TG members also recommended that pictograms be used in conjunction with warning language. One TG member expressed the importance of keeping warning language clear and concise to maximize its effectiveness.

### **Next Steps:**

The TG will explore several revisions to the warning language, as well as the possibility of adding pictogram(s) to the warning requirements. The next TG meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024. CPSC staff will continue to participate in the TG.