



## **MEETING LOG**

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Performance Task Group Meeting Log

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**DATE OF MEETING:** 2/28/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:**

**FILING DATE:** 3/13/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Brad Gordon (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), and Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Please contact ASTM for the full attendee list.

### **Summary of Meeting:**

The ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Performance Task Group (TG) met to discuss incident data provided by CPSC staff. The TG reviewed and categorized each incident. The categories covered a range of issues with step stools and standing towers—e.g., finger entrapment, stability, tip over, etc.

During this process, at least two members opined that some incidents might not have enough information for categorization. Additionally, the TG discussed the relevance of (1) incidents involving adults and not children, (2) incidents involving products intended for adults, and (3) incidents involving products intended for both adults and children, which are not primarily intended for children. CPSC staff offered to provide additional information (if possible) regarding whether certain incidents only involved adults, and whether certain incidents involved, or likely involved, products intended for general use.

The TG identified various hazard patterns for step stools and standing towers. For step stools, the primary hazard patterns were finger entrapment, unintended folding, stability, durability, and small parts. For standing towers, the primary hazard patterns were stability (tip-over), containment, and durability. The Chair asked task group members to review a document summarizing possible stability requirements for standing towers ahead of the next meeting.



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**Next Steps:**

The Performance Task Group plans to meet once a month to discuss performance requirements for step stools and standing towers. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00–2:00 PM on March 19, 2024.