



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.30 Bunk Bed Age Task Group

FY 25 OP PLAN ENTRY: Not on the FY25 Operating Plan

DATE OF MEETING: 12/3/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

FILING DATE: 12/9/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

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

Summary of Meeting:

This task group reviewed options for addressing adult bunk beds with an upper bunk that is wide enough to fit multiple occupants – for instance, upper bunks that accommodate a queen-size mattress or larger. The task group discussed that the existing voluntary standard for bunk beds, ASTM F1427, and the CPSC rules, 16 CFR parts 1213 and 1513, include warning label requirements that specify that the upper bunk should have only one occupant. Members of the task group were concerned that the warnings could be more likely to be disregarded on bunk beds with upper bunks large enough to fit multiple adult occupants.

The task group discussed several options for addressing the safety of wide bunk beds, including:

- Performance requirements that include higher load limits for wider beds.
- Performance requirements that limit the size of the upper bunk.
- A new standard for adult bunk beds.

Staff supported either of the first two options, but the task group could not reach consensus. In addition, the task group discussed the market share of wide bunk beds, and whether there were any incidents involving such beds. No meeting participants were aware of any incidents. Ultimately, the task group decided not to continue working on developing requirements for wide bunk beds until further evidence of a safety issue is found. Two meeting participants will look for data indicating the market share of wide bunk beds, and CPSC staff will continue to monitor for incidents.

Next Steps:

Future meetings of this task group will be scheduled in the future if necessary.