



MEETING LOG

MEETING TITLE/SUBJECT: Independent Fire Blanket Working Group

OP PLAN ENTRY: Fire Extinguisher Products

DATE OF MEETING: 7/29/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Scott Ayers

FILING DATE: 7/30/2026

CPSC STAFF ATTENDEE(S): Scott Ayers (ESEF), Kristen Talcott (ESHF), and Shonali Nazare (LSF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Dwayne Garriss	John Maguire	Molly Lynyak
Gary West	Jeff Feldman	Tim Stites
Benoit Legault	Jerry Naylis	Michelle Sluga
Robby Dawson	Dwayne Sloan	Tom Lucier
Jean Francois Lalande	Jamie McIntyre	Victoria Gastrock
John Hart	Bruce Johnson	Tim Earl
Matt Tennenbaum	Diane Haithcock	Ken Bush
Mark Ebedes	Dwayne Sloane	Jing Wu
Alex Morgan	Harold Cunningham	
Rebecca Cowser	John Orlando	
Tom Lucier	Kelly Ransdell	
Amanda Kimball	Karla Klas	

Summary of Meeting:

This was a meeting of an independent working group focused on developing a proposal for voluntary standards requirements for residential fire blankets.

The working group discussed fire blanket related incidents posted to SaferProducts.gov and news sources. The purpose was to understand what issues consumers have with fire blankets and in what situations consumers use fire blankets; this information can help inform the working group for standards development purposes. The incidents were divided into four categories, (A) incidents where there was a reported problem with the fire blanket, (B) incidents where a fire blanket was used but not fire blanket issue was identified, (C)



incidents where a fire blanket was mentioned but no action was reported with the fire blanket, and (D) incidents where a “blanket” but not a “fire blanket” was used to smother a fire. The working group only reviewed incidents from groups (A) and (B). Incidents are summarized below.

(A) Fire blanket issues:

- 4/9/2026 – the consumer reported that a fire blanket ignited when they tried to extinguish a cooking fire
- 6/5/2025 – the consumer reported fiberglass skin irritation
- 1/14/2025 – the consumer reported fiberglass skin irritation
- 12/11/2024 – the consumer reported fiberglass skin irritation
- 9/27/2024 – the consumer reported fiberglass skin irritation; the fire blanket may have fallen apart in the packaging
- 4/12/2024 – the consumer reported using a fire blanket on an unspecified kitchen fire, with fiberglass skin irritation
- 3/7/2024 – the consumer reported using a fire blanket to “jokingly” extinguish a candle, with fiberglass skin irritation
- 9/8/2023 – the consumer reported fiberglass skin irritation with significant fiber shedding

(B) Fires smothered by fire blanket

- 4/23/2026 (online news source) – the consumer unsuccessfully used a fire blanket on a furniture fire
- 2/19/2026 (online news source) – the consumer successfully used a fire blanket on a portable charger fire
- 12/30/2025 (online news source) – the consumer unsuccessfully used a fire blanket on an oven fire
- 7/15/2026 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on a treadmill fire
- 6/17/2026 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on an oven fire
- 1/7/2026 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on accidental range top fire
- 11/26/2025 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket while applying water on a dehumidifier fire
- 8/20/2025 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on a coffee maker fire
- 6/18/2025 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on a backpack fire ignited by accidental range activation
- 3/21/2025 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on a portable charger fire
- 4/17/2023 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on an oven fire
- 3/11/2022 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on an electric kettle fire
- 5/11/2020 – the consumer reported applying a fire blanket to a toaster oven fire after unplugging it
- 5/21/2019 – the consumer reported successfully using a fire blanket on a dishwasher fire



Staff pointed out that Consumer Reports recently published an article on fire blankets; only part of the article is freely available to read. Staff or ASTM staff plan to ask Consumer Reports staff if a courtesy copy of the article could be provided for working group members for their consideration.

Staff volunteered to outline a proposal for a new residential standard for the working group to discuss during the next meeting. The proposal would include requirements discussed in the previous meetings and potential issues and use cases discussed during this meeting.

Next Steps:

The next meeting will be scheduled in October.