



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** ANSI/PHTA-4 SWC for Aboveground /Onground Residential Pool:  
Horizontal Support Strap with Handholds/Footholds Task Group (TG)

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Pools, Portable Unprotected (Child Drowning)

**DATE OF MEETING:** 2/5/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual/Teleconference Meeting

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** 3/6/2024

**FILING DATE:** 3/7/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Susan Bathalon, Children's RMG, EXHR

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Contact ANSI for a complete list of meeting attendees.

Genevieve Lynn, PHTA staff

Alan Taveroff, Hangerlogic Inc.,

Eric Steinmeyer, Polygroup Corporation,

Brannon Smith, Bestwaycorp Corporation.,

Matthew Walen, Intex Corporation

Alan Korn, Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation.

### Meeting Summary:

The ANSI/PHTA-4 SWC for Aboveground /Onground Residential Pool received a request to review and potentially eliminate gaps between the horizontal structural band surrounding the external pool liner and the vertical support structures. It was believed this band could act as a climbing structure for children on the outer wall of aboveground pools. The requester, Alan Korn, of Abbey's Hope, provided several incident reports and In-Depth Investigations from a CPSC FOIA request. The incident data appears to be reports from the 2012 to 2016 timeframe. In one report, a 2-year-old child is shown standing on the strap. The data was filed in the PHTA-4 SpecBuilder folder for accessibility and review. A horizontal strap task group (TG) was created in January 2024 to review the data and hazards.

There was a summary of the impending ANSI/PHTA -4 Aboveground/Onground Pool SWC ballot, which would ballot the entire standard with several safety changes. Alan Korn clarified his concern with the horizontal strap support as a potential hand/foot hold. The change request for the horizontal strap hazard was found to be persuasive by the TG. There was discussion on several approaches to address the strap hazard within the revised ANSI/PHTA -4 Aboveground/Onground Pool SWC ballot. The recommended approach was to ballot the revised standard with the upcoming pool strap performance requirement language integrated into the standard.

### Next Steps:

The TG recommendations for addressing the horizontal strap will be presented to the SWC in the February 8, 2024 meeting.