

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Meeting for ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Cradle Swings (F2088)

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual/Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Carlos Torres (ESMC)

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: November 16, 2021

CPSC ATTENDEES: Celestine Kish (ESHF), Rana Balci-Sinha (ESHF), Keysha Walker (CRE), Mary House (OGC), Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Maureen Danskin (CRE), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Timothy Smith (ESHF), Michelle Guice (CRE), Susannah Proper (EC), Carlos Torres (ESMC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for the list of attendees

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was led by Julia Costello, Subcommittee Chair for Infant and Cradles Swings. After the approval of the agenda and previous meeting minutes, the Chair informed the subcommittee members that there were no ballots to report and that there is one active Task Group (Strangulation on tethered straps).

The chair informed the group that the outcome from the most recent Task Group meeting was two new proposed terminologies and definitions (Restraint System, and Seat) as they are not defined in the standard and are relevant for the definition, requirement and test of tethered straps. Subcommittee members discussed the terminology of Restraint System (vs. Restraining System), and what components would constitute the Restraint System. A member suggested that once the definition of Restraint System is finalized, it could be incorporated into the Recommended Ad Hoc language document to be used by other standards. The Chair stated that the next step is to review tethered strap definition and adjust it, or adjust the requirement and test method [to prevent strangulation hazards].

Staff discussed an additional potential hazard with tethered straps; head entrapment. Staff discussed how tethered straps can also create bounded openings where an infant head can access, get through and get entrapped. The Chair asked members to join the TG.

On new business, the Chair informed the members that the 2021 version of the ASTM F2088 standard will become effective in January 2022. Additionally, the subcommittee discussed updating warning label language for non-sleep guidance. The Chair informed the group that the new language agreed-upon during the Rockers subcommittee meeting was going to be also used for infant swings. The language will be used for any product not intended for sleep, but in which infants are known to fall asleep. The language will be balloted at the same time, as different items for rockers, swings, bouncers, and ad hoc language.