



## **MEETING LOG**

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

**FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**DATE OF MEETING:** 8/3/2023

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 9/6/2023

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

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

### **Summary of Meeting:**

This task group is developing a new standard to address hazards associated with children's step stools and standing towers (AKA kitchen towers).

The task group reviewed several portions of a draft version of the standard, including the scope, definitions, and general requirements. Some task group members wanted to ensure that the products covered by the draft standard would not be classified as home playground equipment; other participants agreed, but added that the task group should consider a requirement that products be tested to other applicable standards. One commenter believed the highchair standard, ASTM F404, could include language relevant to the discussion. The task group also incorporated threaded fastener requirements from ASTM F404 into the draft standard to address potential durability and stability hazards related to the repeated use of fasteners in structural components.

The task group tentatively defined a children's step stool as "a children's freestanding stool for elevation in a standing position," and a standing tower as "a children's freestanding stool for elevation in a standing position which provides containment and may have a step(s)."

The task group discussed whether to coordinate the development of the draft ASTM standard with the draft European standard; a task group member supported coordinating efforts to avoid direct contradictions across markets.

The task group chair requested that CPSC staff provide incident data related to step stools, and staff agreed.

### **Next Steps:**

Future meetings are expected to take place on the first Thursday of each month from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM ET.