

## Memorandum

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Report

Attached is U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Midyear Voluntary Standards Tracking and Access Report (VSTAR), covering the period October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Campbell at: jcampbell@cpsc.gov or VoluntaryStandards@cpsc.gov.







# Voluntary Standards Tracking and Access Report

FY 2025 MIDYEAR REPORT

October 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

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# CPSC Voluntary Standards Activities: October 1, 2024–March 31, 2025

## Introduction

Voluntary standards play an important role at the CPSC. Under some statutes CPSC administers, if a relevant voluntary standard addresses the risk of injury that a consumer product presents, the Commission can issue a mandatory standard only if the voluntary standard is not likely to adequately reduce or eliminate the risk of injury, or there is not likely to be substantial compliance with the voluntary standard. Additionally, some provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) build upon voluntary standards. For example, section 104 of the CPSIA, 15 U.S.C. § 2056a, requires the Commission to promulgate mandatory consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These mandatory standards are to be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than these voluntary standards, if the Commission determines that more stringent requirements will further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. Other laws implemented by the Commission require the CPSC to establish regulatory requirements that match specific voluntary standards.

# **VSTAR Content and Organization**

The Voluntary Standards Tracking and Access Report (VSTAR) is issued biannually as: (1) a Midyear Report, covering October 1 through March 31, and (2) an Annual Report of the CPSC fiscal year, which covers October 1 to September 30. This document is the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Midyear Report.

Voluntary standards activities are handled by various standards developing organizations (SDOs), most of them accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). While most of the voluntary standards discussed in this report are developed by ASTM, International (ASTM) and UL Standards and Engagement (ULSE), staff works with a number of other SDOs that support consumer product safety activities. This report contains a listing of all the SDOs staff works with on voluntary standards and includes their abbreviated designation(s) in the Appendix at the end of this report.

This VSTAR includes a table listing the voluntary standards to which staff contributed that were published or revised during the reporting period. Additionally, this report identifies staff who were approved to vote on a voluntary standard or hold a leadership position on a standards body during the reporting period.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), American Pyrotechnics Association (APA), and The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) are not accredited by ANSI.

This VSTAR contains a section for each product, product area, or hazard associated with CPSC staff's voluntary standards work that is listed in the FY 2025 CPSC Operating Plan (Op Plan). The FY 2025 Op Plan lists 92 different product, product area, or hazard categories for which staff planned to be actively involved in developing voluntary standards during the fiscal year. The voluntary standards covered in this report address potential hazards associated with consumer products found in homes, schools, and recreation areas. More than 40 different staff serve as designated representatives (DRs) for the categories outlined in this report.

The product, product area, or hazard categories are organized with the following grouping:

- Children's Products and Hazards
  - Durable Infant and Juvenile Products
  - Other Children's Products and Hazards
- Emerging Technology
- Home Products and Hazards
- Recreation
- Codes, Analytical Methods, and Labeling

Each VSTAR entry includes the following information:

**Purpose:** The purpose of staff's involvement with the voluntary

standard(s).

**Staff Contact:** The name of staff leading the activity (*i.e.*, the DR).

**Voluntary Standard(s):** The designation(s) and name(s) of existing voluntary standards,

potential new voluntary standards, and ISO standards associated with the product, with which staff is, was, or may be actively involved. The designation and titles for new or updated voluntary standards are in **bold font**. Titles for current voluntary standards are in *italics*, and titles of draft or potential standards are in plain

font (not bold and non-italicized).

**Standard(s) Update:** Any updates to the voluntary standards or potential new

voluntary standards with staff's participation.

Relevant Rule: Any associated CPSC mandatory standard(s), proposed

regulation(s), and relevant petitions, regardless of status. This subsection also includes updates to any of the mandatory standard(s), proposed regulations, or petitions noted in the

subsection above.

**Activities:** A high-level description of the activity associated with the

voluntary standards that occurred during the reporting period.

Staff and Commission activities are highlighted in this

subsection. There are sections summarizing staff-attended

meetings, documented standards-related staff communications, and relevant ballot activity. It is noted when staff did not attend any meetings, did not send any documented communication, or there were no ballots. Note that these summaries should not serve as an exhaustive source for information on meetings or ballots. Contact the SDO for more information.

Next Action:

Staff's anticipated actions on the voluntary standards and associated mandatory standards. This subsection also includes any recommendations associated with the voluntary standard.

VSTAR entries provide a high-level description of staff activity for the reporting period. For further information on meeting activity, staff meeting logs may be found at <a href="Newsroom - FOIA">Newsroom - FOIA</a>]
<a href="CPSC.gov">CPSC.gov</a>. Staff correspondence may be found on the CPSC Voluntary Standards website at <a href="https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Voluntary-Standards">https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Voluntary-Standards</a>.

# **Updated Standards**

During the reporting period, staff participation in 27 of the operating plan listed activity categories resulted in at least one new or revised voluntary standard that improved safety and was published during the reporting period. These are in fulfillment of Budget Key Metric 2025KM1.2.1. A full list of these standards may be found in Appendix 2. Details regarding the revisions can be found in the applicable product sections of this report. The designations and titles of all voluntary standards that were new, revised, or reapproved during the reporting period are shown in bold font in the applicable activity section.

# **Voting and Leadership Roles**

In accordance with 16 CFR part 1031, Commission Participation and Commission Employee Involvement in Voluntary Standards Activities, the VSTAR report includes information about staff voting and leadership activities. These activities are approved annually by the Office of the Executive Director (OEX). Listed below are the active voting and leadership approvals during the reporting period:

Staff Name	Date of Approval	New Approval or Renewal	Role	Standards Body and Standard
Mordecai, B.	May 2024*	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F963 Toy Safety
Harsanyi, S.	September 2024*	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F3458 Magnets
Kish, C.	September 2024*	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F2194 Bassinets
Johnson, A.	September 2024*	New	Voting	ASTM F15.21 Infant Loungers (WK82078)
Ayers, S.	October 2024	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F3429 Flame Mitigation Devices Installed in Disposable

				and Pre-Filled Flammable Liquid Containers
Ayers, S.	October 2024	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F2517, F3326, F852, F2874, F839
Maling, E.	January 2025	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F08.22, Tent Flammability Standard
Lee, A.	January 2025	New	Leadership	Portable Electric Heaters WG Chair (Includes UL 1278 and UL 1042)
Lee, A.	January 2025	Renewal	Leadership	Electric Fans, UL 507
Nesteruk, H.	January 2025	New	Voting	BIFMA X5.4 Public and Lounge Seating
Kish, C.	January 2025	Renewal	Voting	ASTM F406 NFS Cribs and Play Yards
Smith, T.	February 2025	Renewal	Voting	ANSI Z535 Safety Colors and Signs
Johnson, A.	February 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F15.12 Firmness and Breathability
Kerns, J.	February 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F1967 and F2670, Infant Bath Seats and Bath Tubs
Kish, C.	February 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2906 Bedside Sleepers, F2388 Changing Products, F1821 Toddler Beds, F1169 Full-Size Cribs
Maling, E.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F15.37 Children's Drawstrings
Foster, Z.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2549 Frame Child Carriers, F2050 Hand-held Infant Carriers, F2167 Bouncers, F3084 Rockers, F2088 Swings, F2907 Slings, F2236 Soft Carriers
Gordon, B.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2613 Children's Chairs, WK 86690 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers
Smith, T.	February 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2640 Booster Seats, F404 High Chairs, F1235 Portable Hook-On Chairs, F3669 Nursing Pillows
Taxier, D.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2710 Commercial Cribs
Taxier, D.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F1004 Gates, F2085 Portable Bed Rails
Taxier, D.	March 2025	New	Voting	ASTM F2933 Crib Mattresses

<sup>\*</sup>Some voting and leadership approvals from the previous reporting period are still active.

# **FY 2025 Voluntary Standards Activities Summary**

## Children's Products and Hazards

#### **Durable Infant and Toddler Products**

Section 104 of the CPSIA directs the Commission to work with stakeholders and SDOs to examine and assess the effectiveness of voluntary product safety standards for durable infant and toddler products. Once a regulation is promulgated based on a voluntary standard, the SDO notifies the Commission of updates to the standard. Unless the Commission notifies the SDO within 90 days of the update notice that the proposed revision does not improve the safety of the product, the revised standard will be considered a consumer product safety standard issued by the Commission effective 180 days after the SDO notifies the Commission (or a later date specified by the Commission in the Federal Register). However, if the Commission determines that the proposed revised standard does not improve the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard, then the Commission must timely notify the SDO of the Commission's determination and that the applicable mandatory children's product safety rule remains unchanged. After the Commission issues a mandatory safety standard for a durable infant or toddler product, the Commission must periodically review and revise the standard to ensure that such standard provides the highest level of safety for such product that is feasible.

## Bassinets/Cradles

Purpose	To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with bassinets and cradles.

Staff Contact Kish, Celestine

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2194-22e1	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bassinets and Cradles

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1218, Safety Standard for Bassinets and Cradles
Note: The current rule references ASTM F2194-13, a previous version of

the standard, with modifications.

On April 16, 2024, the Commission published a Notice of Proposed

Rulemaking (NPR) to update the standard (89 FR 27246).

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the subcommittee on safe sleep issues for bassinets and cradles. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and task group meetings on mattresses and responded to a ballot. Additionally, staff worked on a final rule for Commission consideration.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.18 subcommittee meeting where a ballot was discussed, as well as task group updates and formation of a new task group on firmness. Staff also participated in task group meeting to discuss incident data and firmness.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
2/10/2025	Letter	Staff submitted comments with their negative
		vote on ballot F15(25-01), item 1.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2025	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(25-01), item 2, proposed revising definitions for "mattress" and "removable bassinet bed" to clarify the latching and locking requirements only apply to bassinet beds that can be used free-standing. The item received negative votes, including from staff. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
April 2025	ASTM F2194	Ballot F15(25-06), item 6, proposed requirements for tilt angle, structural stability, battery compartments, and aftermarket mattresses. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meeting scheduled in April 2025. Staff will deliver a final rule to the Commission for consideration.

## Bedside Sleepers

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with bedside sleepers.

#### Staff Contact

Kish, Celestine

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Voluntary	Designation and	Title	
Standard(s)	current version		
	ASTM F2906-23	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for	
		Bedside Sleepers	
Standard(s) Update	The voluntary standard	The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.	
Relevant Rule	16 CFR part 1222, Safe	ty Standard for Bedside Sleepers	
Activities Summary	Staff continues to work virelated to bedside sleep	with the subcommittee on safe sleep issues ers.	
Meeting(s)	No meetings related to r the reporting period.	elevant standards or topics took place during	
Communication(s)	There were no formal co	ommunications during the reporting period.	
Ballot(s)	There were no relevant	ballots during the reporting period.	
Next Action	Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.		
Booster Seats			
Purpose	safety provisions and to corresponding federal m	evising the voluntary standard to strengthen its ensure that the voluntary standard and the nandatory standard maintain adequate safety ds associated with booster seats.	
Staff Contact	Stewart, Daniel		
Voluntary Standard(s)	Designation and current version	Title	
,	ASTM F2640-18(2024)	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Booster Seats	
Standard(s) Update	The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.		
Relevant Rule	16 CFR part 1237, Safety Standard for Booster Seats		
Activities Summary	Staff continues to work v	with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee to address booster seats.	

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s)

Ballot(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and

participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

## Carriages and Strollers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with carriages and strollers.

Staff Contact Talcott, Kristen

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F833-21	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Carriages and Strollers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1227, Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee to address safety issues related to carriages and strollers. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee and task group meeting and

provided incident data to the subcommittee.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in a F15.17 subcommittee meeting where opening

requirements (related to pinch/finger amputation hazards) for snap clips, label conspicuity, and stability testing for strollers rated to higher child weights were discussed. Subcommittee members formed a new task group to address wagon-stroller hybrid products, which CPSC staff joined. Staff also participated in a task group meeting for wagon stroller

hybrids.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
3/14/2025	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a spreadsheet of incident data for carriages and strollers from 8/1/2022
		through 1/31/2025.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings.

## **Changing Products**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with baby changing products.

**Staff Contact** Mella, Lawrence

Voluntary Designation and Standard(s) Title

ASTM F2388-21 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Baby Changing Products for Domestic Use

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1235, Safety Standard for Baby Changing Products

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee on safety

issues related to baby changing products.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and

participate in the next task group or subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

## Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**Purpose**To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the

corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with children's folding chairs and stools.

Staff Contact Gordon, Bradley

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Children's Chairs and Stools
ASTM WK 86690	New Specification for Learning Towers
ASTM WK 92953	New Specification for Children's Step Stools

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1232, Safety Standard for Children's Folding Chairs and Children's Folding Stools. Note: The current rule references ASTM F2613-

21, a previous version of the standard.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.59 subcommittee to address hazards associated with children's chairs and stools. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting, which included discussion of separation of standards, age ranges and weights, and providing a testing window before balloting new requirements. Staff participated in several task group meetings on "standing tower" products and warnings and instructions.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate

in upcoming subcommittee meetings in April 2025.

#### Commercial Cribs

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with cribs in commercial settings, such as hotels and childcare centers.

Staff Contact

Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s)	Designation and current version	Title
	ASTM F2710-19	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for
		Commercial Cribs

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1219, Safety Standard for Full-Size Cribs, and 16 CFR part 1220,

Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee to address hazards

associated with commercial cribs.

No meetings related to this standard or related topics took place during the Meeting(s)

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

There were no ballots during the reporting period. Ballot(s)

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in

upcoming subcommittee meetings, when scheduled.

## Crib Mattresses (including Supplemental and After-market Mattresses)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

> provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards

associated with crib and supplemental mattresses.

Staff Contact Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2933-21a	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Crib Mattresses

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1241, Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses

Note: The current rule references ASTM F2933-21, a previous version of the

standard.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.66 subcommittee on safe sleep issues related to crib mattresses. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and several task group meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where ballot results were discussed. Additionally, staff participated in several task group meetings on mattress firmness and corner gaps.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(24-18), item 15, proposed revising the product, package, and instruction marking requirements. The item received negative votes and was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
October 2024	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(24-18), item 16, proposed revising the corner gap requirement. The item received a negative vote that was found persuasive and was removed from the ballot.
October 2024	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(24-18), item 17, proposed addressing a firmness requirement. The item received a negative vote that was found persuasive and was removed from the ballot.
October 2024	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(24-18), item 18, proposed an impact durability requirement. The item received no negative votes but was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
October 2024	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(24-18), item 19, proposed clarifying the scope of the standard includes bassinet accessories of play yards. The item received no negative votes but was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
April 2025	ASTM F2933	Ballot F15(25-06), item 9, proposed addressing a mattress firmness requirement. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, when scheduled.

## Frame Child Carriers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with frame child carriers.

Staff Contact Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F2549-22 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Frame Child Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1230, Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on safety

issues related to frame child carriers.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and attend

the next subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

#### **Full-Size Cribs**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards

associated with full-size cribs.

**Staff Contact** Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F1169-19

Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Full-Size Cribs

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Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1219, Safety Standard for Full-Size Cribs

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee and related task

groups on safe sleep issues, including inclined sleep surfaces.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in

any upcoming subcommittee meetings, when scheduled.

## Gates and Expandable Enclosures

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with expansion gates and expandable

enclosures.

**Staff Contact** Torres, Carlos

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1004-23	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1239, Safety Standard for Gates and Enclosures

Note: The current rule references ASTM F1004-22, a previous version of

the standard.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.11 subcommittee on improving the safety of gates and enclosures. During the reporting period, staff

participated in a subcommittee and task group meeting.

*Meeting(s)* Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting to discuss task group work on

pet doors, third party accessories, and retractable gates. Staff also participated in a task group meeting to discuss retractable gates.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)	Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Appl	licable)
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ciosea	Standard	
April 2025	ASTM F1004	Ballot F15(25-06), item 3 proposed a requirement
		to not allow pet doors. The item was still open at
		the end of the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and

participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in April 2025.

## **Handheld Infant Carriers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with hand-held infant carriers.

**Staff Contact** DeGrano, Frederick

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2050-19	Standard Consumer Safety Performance
	Specification for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1225, Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee to address

hazards associated with hand-held infant carriers.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

**Communication(s)** There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate

in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

## **High Chairs**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with high chairs.

**Staff Contact** Marques, Stefanie

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F404-21	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1231, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High

Chairs.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee on

improving safety of high chairs.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place

during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and

participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting when scheduled.

## **Infant Bath Seats**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant bath seats.

Staff Contact Kerns. Julia

Voluntary Standard(s)	Designation and current version	Title
	ASTM F1967-24	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Seats
Standard(s) Update	The voluntary stand	ard was not updated during the reporting period.
Relevant Rule		the Commission published the final rule for 16 CFR tandard for Infant Bath Seats [89 FR 81828] with an huary 4, 2025.
Activities Summary	hazards associated	ork with the ASTM F15.20 subcommittee to address with infant bath seats. Staff participated in the ing during the reporting period.
Meeting(s)		a subcommittee meeting where they notified the 16 CFR 1215 had been revised.
Communication(s)	There were no form	al communications during the reporting period.
Ballot(s)	There were no ballo	ets during the reporting period.
Next Action		nual summary data to the subcommittee and xt ASTM subcommittee meeting in April 2025.
Infant Bath Tubs		
Purpose	To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant bath tubs.	
Staff Contact	Foster, Zachary	
Voluntary Standard(s)	Designation and current version	Title

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Infant Bath Tubs

Standard Consumer Safety Specification for

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1234, Safety Standard for Infant Bath Tubs

ASTM F2670-22

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.20 subcommittee on issues related to drowning, stability, and resistance to the collapse of infant

bath tubs. During the reporting period, staff participated in

subcommittee and task group meetings and provided incident data to

the subcommittee.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and a task group meeting

related to warnings/pictograms.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
2/13/2025		Staff provided the subcommittee with a summary
		of the annual incident data for the period ending
		1/5/2025.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the upcoming subcommittee meeting in April

2025.

## **Infant Bouncer Seats**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with infant bouncer seats.

Staff Contact Wanna-Nakamura, Suad

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2167-22	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bouncer Seats

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1229, Safety Standard for Infant Bouncer Seats

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant bouncer seats. During the reporting period, staff provided the

bouncer seats. During the reporting period, staff provided the subcommittee with annual incident data related to bouncer seats.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate

in upcoming subcommittee meetings, when scheduled.

## **Infant Loungers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM To work with ASTM on establishing a voluntary standard

to address hazards associated with infant loungers.

Staff Contact Johnson, Ashley

Voluntary
Standard(s)

Designation and current version

ASTM WK82078

Potential new voluntary standard for Infant Loungers

**Standard(s)** The voluntary standard was under development during the reporting period, but the subcommittee has since disbanded.

**Relevant** On November 4, 2024, the Commission published a final rule for 16 CFR part **Rule** 1243 Safety Standard for Infant Support Cushions [89 FR 87467] with an

effective date of May 5, 2025.

Activities During the reporting period, staff worked with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee to develop the voluntary standard, and staff attended a

subcommittee meeting.

*Meeting(s)* During the reporting period, staff attended a subcommittee meeting where

ballot results and the rule, 16 CFR part 1243, were discussed. The subcommittee discussed disbanding the subcommittee due to differences

with the rule.

Communication(s) Date Type Summary

10/16/2024 Letter Staff provided the subcommittee with comments on ballot F15(24-18), item 1.

11/15/2024	Letter	Staff submitted a letter with comments advocating for
		the continuation of the subcommittee's work to
		establish a safety standard for infant loungers.

#### Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
October	ASTM	Ballot F15(24-18), item 1, proposed the new
2024	WK82078	standard for loungers. The item received
		negative votes and was unresolved at the end of
		the reporting period.
November	ASTM	Administrative Ballot put forth to discontinue
2024	WK82078	subcommittee work under WK82078 due to
		publication of a federal rule on infant support
		cushions. The motion passed with 45
		affirmatives, 8 negatives, and 35 abstentions.

#### Next Action

The administrative ballot to disband the subcommittee was approved on December 13, 2024. As a result, the subcommittee was disbanded, and the work was archived. If the subcommittee is reformed, staff will participate in future meetings.

## **Infant Swings**

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant swings.

#### Staff Contact

Torres, Carlos

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2088-24	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Cradle Swings

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1223, Safety Standard for Infant Swings

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on the safety of infant swings. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings.

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Meeting(s) Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where incident data and

warnings were discussed. Staff also attended a task group meeting on

incident data.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2025	ASTM F2088	Ballot F15(25-03), item 1, proposed updating the location of warnings on the product. The item received a negative vote and was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings in April 2025.

#### **Infant Walkers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with infant walkers.

Staff Contact Mordecai, Ben

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F977-22	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule Activities

Summary

16 CFR part 1216, Safety Standard for Infant Walkers

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee on safety issues related to infant walkers. During the reporting period, staff provided data to the subcommittee and participated in subcommittee

meetings to review data.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in two subcommittee meetings focused on incident data

review to identify any potential new requirements needed in the

standard.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/16/2024		Staff provided the subcommittee with a
		spreadsheet of infant walker incident data for the period 7/19/2017 to 6/5/2024.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, as scheduled.

## Non-Full-Sized Cribs and Play Yards

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with non-full-size cribs and play vards.

#### Staff Contact

DeGrano, Frederick

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non- Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards

## Standard(s) Update

On September 18, 2024, ASTM published the revised standard ASTM F406-24 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards. The revision included updated warnings and Ad Hoc Subcommittee language, updated accessories definitions, and removal of mattress thickness requirements to align the voluntary standard with the federal regulation. On October 7, 2024, ASTM notified CPSC of the revision.

#### Relevant Rule

On January 29, 2025, the Commission published a direct final rule for 16 CFR part 1221, *Safety Standard for Play Yards* [90 FR 8368] with an effective date of April 5, 2025.

On January 31, 2025, the Commission published a direct final rule for 16 CFR part 1220, *Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs* [90 FR 8676] with an effective date of April 5, 2025.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee on safe sleep issues related to non-full-size baby cribs and play yards. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings, provided comments on a ballot, provided data to the subcommittee, and notified the subcommittee of a public comment on the standard.

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#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended a subcommittee meeting where the subcommittee discussed results of ballot items, the progress of task groups, and the preponderance of soft bedding involved in incidents. Staff also participated in task group meetings for developing pictogram warning labels, requirements for products with padded floors, and mattress fit and thickness.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
10/16/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a summary of the annual incident data related to play yards for the period ending 7/4/2024.
10/17/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a summary of the annual incident data related to NFS cribs for the period ending 8/1/2024.
12/19/2024	Letter	Staff notified the subcommittee of the Commission's decision to accept the revised standard, ASTM F406-24, for the federal safety standard, 16 CFR part 1512.
2/10/2025	Letter	Staff voted negative on ballot F15(25-01), item 2, and provided the subcommittee with comments.
2/20/2025	Letter	Staff notified the subcommittee of a comment received from the NOA for the publication of ASTM F406-24.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2025	ASTM F406	Ballot F15(25-01), item 2, proposed revising the definition for "mattress" and adding warnings for segmented products. The item received negative votes and was removed from the ballot.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in upcoming meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, scheduled in April 2025.

## **Nursing Support Products**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on establishing voluntary standards to address hazards

associated with nursing support products.

**Staff Contact** Smith, Timothy

Voluntary	,
Standard	(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Nursing Pillows

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1242 Safety Standard for Nursing Pillows

## Activities Summary

Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee to develop a new safety standard for nursing support products. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended a subcommittee meeting that provided a status on task group work and discussed differences between the mandatory rule and the ASTM voluntary standard. Staff also attended meetings of the performance requirements task group to address withdrawn negatives on the previous ballot of the now-published ASTM voluntary standard.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, including the next ASTM subcommittee meetings, scheduled in April 2025.

## Portable Bed Rails (Children's)

## **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with portable bed rails for children.

#### Staff Contact

Taxier, Daniel

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Portable Bed Rails

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1224, Safety Standard for Portable Bed Rails

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.11 subcommittee to improve the safety of children's portable bedrails. During the reporting period, staff recommended changes to strap requirements and provided data to the

subcommittee.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
10/11/2024	Letter	Staff provided the subcommittee with a recommendation to reduce strangulation risks from excess straps on children's portable bed rails.
1/31/2025	Data	Staff provided two redacted IDIs for strangulation incidents related to excess straps.
3/5/2025	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a spreadsheet of portable bed rail incidents for the period January 2020 through December 2024.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next subcommittee meetings, when scheduled.

#### Portable Hook-On Chairs

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with hook-on chairs.

Staff Contact Mella, Lawrence

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Portable Hook-On Chairs

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1233, Safety Standard for Hook-On Chairs

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.16 subcommittee to improve the safety of children's portable hook-on chairs. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting to discuss negatives and comments related to ballot F15(24-18), item 6. The subcommittee decided to withdraw the ballot item and make changes to the ad hoc language. Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting to discuss the negatives and comments related to ballot F15(25-06), items 4 and 5. The subcommittee decided the negatives were persuasive.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024	ASTM F1235	Ballot F15(24-18), item 6, proposed updated ad hoc wording. The item received negative votes and was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
April 2025	ASTM F1235	Ballot F15(25-06), item 4, proposed battery requirements. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.
April 2025	ASTM F1235	Ballot F15(25-06), item 5, proposed updated ad hoc wording. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will provide annual summary incident data and participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

#### Sling Carriers (Infant and Toddlers)

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with sling carriers.

Staff Contact

Foster, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2907-22	Consumer Safety Specification for Sling Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1228, Safety Standard for Sling Carriers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on sling carrier products. During the reporting period, staff provided the

subcommittee with data.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
10/31/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a summary of the annual incident data related to slings for the period ending 6/17/2024.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

## Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels

addressing hazards associated with soft infant and toddler carriers.

**Staff Contact** Foster, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule On November 20, 2024, the Commission published a final rule for 16 CFR part 1226 Safety Standard for Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers [89 FR

91545] with an effective date of February 22, 2025.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on soft infant and toddler carrier products (SITC). During the reporting period, staff

provided the subcommittee with data.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
10/31/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a summary of the annual incident data related to SITCs for the period ending 6/17/2024.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

## **Stationary Activity Centers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with stationary activity centers for

children.

**Staff Contact** Gordon, Brad

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Stationary Activity Centers

Standard(s) Update In December 2024, ASTM published ASTM F2012-24 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Stationary Activity Centers. The revision included updated warning label permanency testing, additional warning label examples, and editorial changes. ASTM notified the Commission of the revision on January 6, 2025.

Relevant Rule On March 27, 2025, the Commission published a final rule for 16 CFR part 1238, *Safety Standard for Stationary Activity Centers* [90 FR 13833] with an effective date of July 5, 2025.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.17 subcommittee on stationary activity centers. During the reporting period, staff participated

in a subcommittee meeting.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where editorial updates

and a requirement for durability cycling were discussed.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will provide annual summary data to the subcommittee and

participate in the next subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

## **Toddler Beds**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety

levels addressing hazards associated with toddler beds.

**Staff Contact** Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toddler Beds

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1217, Safety Standard for Toddler Beds

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.18 subcommittee on toddler beds. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings and provided the subcommittee with incident data.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where ballot results were discussed and staff raised a safety hazard with youth beds outside of the scope of the toddler bed standard. Staff also participated in a task group meeting to examine whether the subcommittee should undertake a new standard for youth beds.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
2/24/2025	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with a
		spreadsheet of incident data related to toddler
		beds for the period 11/1/2019 through 10/31/2024.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

## Other Children's Products and Hazards

## Child-Resistant Packages (CRP)

**Purpose** To maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with

child-resistant packaging by monitoring developments that affect the federal mandatory standard, including working with ASTM on voluntary

standards for package design and development.

**Staff Contact** Burns, Samantha

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM D3474-23	Standard Practice for Calibration and Use of Torque Meters Used in Packaging Applications
ASTM D3475-20	Standard Classification of Child-Resistant Packages
ASTM D7860 - 14 (2022)	Standard Test Methods for Measurement of Torque Retention for Child Resistant and Non-Child Resistant Packages with Continuous Thread Closures Using Automated Torque Testing Equipment

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1700, Poison Prevention Packaging

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F02.25 subcommittee on rigid

container closure systems.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, when

scheduled. Staff will review ballots, when issued.

## **Infant Bathers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard maintains

adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant bathers.

**Staff Contact** Komarov, Andrei

Voluntary Standard(s)

<b>Designation and current</b>	Designation and current Title		
version			
ASTM F3343-20(2024)	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for		
, ,	Infant Bathers		

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.20 subcommittee on infant

bathing safety.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, when

scheduled.

## **Infant Bedding**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard and developing

new voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with infant bedding and related infant products.

Staff Contact Johnson, Ashley

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1917-23	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bedding and Related Accessories

WK 84613	Draft Standard Test Method for Firmness of Infant Products
WK 84614	Draft Standard Test Method for Airflow Resistance of Infant Products
WK 84615	Draft Measurement of Re-breathing in Infant Bedding Materials

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period. No draft standards in development were published during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1309, Ban of Crib Bumpers [88 FR 54879]

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.12 subcommittee on firmness and breathability for juvenile products. Staff participated in infant bedding subcommittee and task group meetings during the reporting period. In October 2024, the ASTM F15.19 ad hoc juvenile product firmness and breathability task group became subcommittee F15.12 firmness and breathability for juvenile products.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting to review ballot outcomes, including the new subcommittee designation, report the status of task groups, and discuss outcomes from a study that compared measurements from different firmness devices. Additionally, staff participated in multiple firmness and breathability task group meetings during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date Closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
April 2025		Ballot F15.19(25-06), item 2, proposed a new standard test method for firmness of soft infant products. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will review the ballot and participate in the next subcommittee and task group meetings, when scheduled.

#### **Infant Rockers**

## **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard maintains adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with infant rockers.

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**Staff Contact** Foster, Zachary

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM F3084-25	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant
	and Infant/Toddler Rockers

## Standard(s) Update

In January 2025, ASTM published ASTM F3084-25, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Infant/Toddler Rockers. This revision removes the tolerance for the cylindrical probe used for tethered strap or cord entrapment or entanglement testing. This revision makes the test consistent with the test used in the ASTM standard for Infant and Cradle Swings, where the test originated.

#### Relevant Rule

On October 26, 2023, the Commission published an NPR for a new regulation, 16 CFR part 1240, *Safety Standard for Infant and Infant/Toddler Rockers* [88 FR 73551]. On August 22, 2024, the Commission published a notice of availability and request for comment (NOA) for *Safety Standard for Infant and Infant/Toddler Rockers; Supplemental Information* [89 FR 67917]. Staff is drafting a final rule briefing package for Commission consideration.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.21 subcommittee on infant and infant/toddler rockers. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and reviewed balloted items. Additionally, staff continued work on a final rule briefing package for Commission consideration.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where ballot items were discussed. Additionally, CPSC staff provided an overview of the data in the NOA and an update on the timeline for the FR.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date Closed	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
	Standard	
October 2024	ASTM	Ballot F15(24-18), item 7 proposed removing
	F3084	the tolerances on the neck cylinder. The item
		received one negative that was found
		nonpersuasive and passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, scheduled for April 2025. Staff is developing a final rule for Commission consideration.

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with toys.

#### Staff Contact

Mordecai, Benjamin

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F963- 23	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety
23	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low-Level Phthalates in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Solvent Extraction-Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry
	Standard Specification for Volatile N-Nitrosamine Levels in Rubber Nipples on Pacifiers

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1250, Safety Standard for Toys

On August 13, 2024, the Commission published an NPR for *Safety Standard for Toys: Requirements for Toys Containing Button Cell or Coin Cell Batteries* [89 FR 65791].

On September 9, 2024, the Commission published an NPR for *Safety Standard for Toys: Requirements for Water Beads* [89 FR 73024].

On November 20, 2024, the Commission published an NPR for *Mandatory Toy Safety Standards: Requirements for Neck Floats* [89 FR 91586].

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.22 subcommittee on toy safety issues. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings and provided multiple recommendations on safety improvements for F963 including requirements for water beads, neck floats, and toys containing button cell or coin batteries. Additionally, staff delivered an NPR on neck floats to the Commission and is developing three final rule briefing packages to cover water beads, neck floats, and button cell or coin battery issues under section 106 of the CPSIA.

Staff is working with the ASTM D20.70 subcommittee to review the status of several analytical methods. Staff is also working on a task group to revise and reinstate ASTM F1313 Specification for Volatile N-Nitrosamine Levels in Rubber Nipples on Pacifiers.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended ASTM F15.22 subcommittee meetings and task group meetings on battery accessibility, aquatic toys, nitrosamines, and magnets hazards.

Staff also attended an ASTM D20.70 subcommittee meeting on Analytical Methods to discuss the status of the ILS for ASTM D8133. In November 2024, the subcommittee met to review status and updates of various test methods. Some methods will be withdrawn due to the lack of Precision and Bias (P&B) data. It was also suggested that some methods be downgraded to a "test procedure". Staff participated in an interlaboratory study (ILS) for ASTM D8133-23 in FY23. The purpose of the ILS is to determine the Precision and Bias statement for ASTM D8133-23 (both Methods A and B). The subcommittee met decided minor adjustments need to be made to the draft P&B statement prior to finalizing and balloting

Staff has been added to the task group to update ASTM F1313-90 (2011), Standard Specification for Volatile N-Nitrosamine Levels in Rubber Nipples on Pacifiers. Staff provided suggested revisions in a task group meeting.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/14/2024	Letter	Staff responded to subcommittee questions regarding a magnet incident provided to the subcommittee in a previous letter and included a testing protocol to improve precision.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming ASTM task group meetings and subcommittee meetings, when scheduled. Staff expects to deliver three final rule briefing packages for Commission consideration this fiscal year.

### Wearable Infant Blankets

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to address hazards associated with wearable infant

blankets and swaddles, some with weighted components, to mitigate

hazards such as suffocation and strangulation.

Staff Contact Taxier, Daniel

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## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current	Title	
version		
ASTM	New Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Wearable	
WK81176	Blankets and Swaddles Intended for Use by Infants and	
	Toddlers	

# Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was under development during the reporting period.

### Relevant Rule

N/A

### Activities Summary

Staff continued working with ASTM to address unresolved negative votes on the draft standard associated with suffocation, strangulation, and other potential hazards associated with wearable blankets (sleep sacks), swaddles, modular products that alter functionality, and wearable products with weighted components used by infants and toddlers during sleep. During the reporting period, staff participated in several subcommittee and task group meetings, reviewed one ballot item, and provided a wearable blanket in-depth investigation report. Staff presented measurement data of products with swaddle bands which are potentially subject to the draft standard to better understand the range of designs to help inform the subcommittee of products on the market.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple subcommittee and task group meetings to develop a draft standard for ballot. The meetings focused on scope, performance requirements, data, and warnings. Staff provided substantial support with data and performance requirements.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
12/05/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with redacted IDIs associated with wearable infant blankets.
1/28/2025	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with redacted IDIs associated with wearable infant blankets.
3/26/2025	Data	Staff provided measurement data on a selection of swaddle bands.

#### Ballot(s)

	Voluntar y Standa rd	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024		Ballot F15(24-18), item 2, proposed the new standard. The ballot item received many

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negatives and comments. The item remained
unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, as well as any task group meetings, when scheduled.

#### Weighted Blankets (Ages 3+)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to establish a voluntary standard addressing hazards

associated with weighted blankets intended for children weighing 30 lbs.

(13.6 kg) or more and a minimum 3 years of age.

Staff Contact Wanna-Nakamura, Suad

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM WK	New Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Weighted
72273	Blankets

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was under development during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues working with the ASTM F15.74 subcommittee to develop a draft standard for weighted blankets for children weighing 30 lbs. (13.6 kg)

or more and a minimum of 3 years of age.

Meeting(s)

No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Steps** Staff will participate in the next subcommittee meeting, scheduled May

2025.

# **Emerging Technology**

# Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing

**Purpose** To work with ULSE, ASTM, and other SDOs to develop standards for

Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printers to address the hazards associated with 3D printed products and the 3D printing process

Staff Contact Goldstein, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

UL 2904, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

Standard Method for Testing and Assessing Particle and Chemical Emissions from 3D Printers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to participate in working and task groups focused on addressing the potential health and safety implications of additive

manufacturing.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to participate in meetings to work on enhancements to

the standards. Staff will also continue monitoring the ASTM F42

Committee on Additive manufacturing technologies.

### Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IOT)

**Purpose** To work with applicable SDOs to develop standards to address the safety

hazards associated with the use of artificial intelligence and the internet of

things in consumer products.

**Staff Contact** Lee, Simon

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and Title current version

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UL 5500, 1st Edition	Remote Software Updates
	,
UL 2900-1, 1st Edition	Software Cybersecurity for Network Connectable
	Components of Healthcare and Wellness
	Systems
ASTM F3463-24	Standard Guide for Ensuring the Safety of
	Connected Consumer Products
UL 4600, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for the Evaluation of
	Autonomous Products

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary CPSC staff continues to identify opportunities to improve the safety of consumer products that use artificial intelligence, the internet of things (connected products), and related technologies. During the reporting period, staff participated in ASTM F15.75 subcommittee and task group meetings. Staff also participated in ULSE TC 4600 and 2900 meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASTM F15.75 Connected Products subcommittee and task group meetings focused on Al/ML, cybersecurity, privacy, and interoperability. Staff attended a ULSE 4600 *Evaluation of Autonomous Products (Artificial Intelligence)* TC meeting where proposals and comments were discussed. Staff participated in a ULSE TC 2900-2-1 meeting to incorporate 2900-1 into 2900-2-1.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff plans to participate in the next ULSE TC 4600 and ASTM F15.75 meetings. Staff will continue to monitor and participate in other applicable voluntary standards, federal agency, industry, partner workshops and CPSC projects.

#### Nanotechnology

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM and ISO technical committees to develop and revise voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with nanotechnology.

Staff Contact

Matheson, Joanna

# Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	Thus
ASTM E3025-22	Standard Guide for Tiered Approach to Detection and Characterization of Manufactured Silver Nanomaterials in Textiles
ASTM E2525-22	Standard Test Method for Evaluation of the Effect of Nanoparticulate Materials on the Formation of Mouse Granulocyte-Macrophage Colonies
ASTM E3171-21a	Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Silver in Textiles by ICP-OES or ICP-MS Analysis
ASTM E3238-20	Standard Test Method for Quantitative Measurement of the Chemoattractant Capacity of a Nanoparticulate Material in vitro
ASTM WK60553	Potential new voluntary standard for evaluation of nanoparticulate material internalization by phagocytic cells in vitro
ASTM E3351-22	Standard Test Method for Detection of Nitric Oxide Production In Vitro
ISO/TS 13830:2013	Nanotechnologies — Guidance on voluntary labelling for consumer products containing manufactured nano- objects
ISO/TS 5387:2023	Nanotechnologies — Lung burden mass measurement of nanomaterials for inhalation toxicity tests
ISO/TS 24672:2023	Nanotechnologies — Guidance on the measurement of nanoparticle number concentration.

# Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

# Relevant Rule

N/A

# Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM and ISO on the safety of nanotechnology in consumer products. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple ASTM and ISO meetings.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in the ISO/TC 229 nanotechnologies working group meetings to discuss current projects and potential new work item proposals. Staff also participated in US TAG to ISO/TC 229 meetings to discuss work going on in the ISO/TC 229 working groups, such as nanoparticle stability.

Staff participated in ASTM E56 committee meetings where topics such as nanoplastics, standards revisions, and gaps in expertise were discussed.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Bal	lot	(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2025		Ballot E56(25-02), item 3, proposed the new standard. The ballot item received no negatives and passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming working group and subcommittee meetings.

## Service, Communication, Information, Education, and Entertainment (SCIEE) Robots

**Purpose** 

To work with ULSE to develop a new voluntary standard for SCIEE robots

and related products.

**Staff Contact** 

Goldstein, Zachary

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/CAN/UL 3300	Service, Communication, Information, Education and Entertainment Robots - SCIEE Robots

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ULSE to revise the recent standard and began participating in ASTM F48 Committee on Exoskeletons and

Exosuits. During the reporting period, staff joined and participated in ASTM

F48 meetings.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in ASTM F48 meetings focused on exoskeleton and

exosuit classification, functionality, and jurisdiction.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to participate in STP and committee meetings, as

scheduled.

# Wearable Technology

**Purpose** To work with ULSE and any other SDOs to develop voluntary standards for

wearable technologies to keep consumers safe.

Title

**Staff Contact** Harsanyi, Stephen

Voluntary Designation and current version

current version
UL 8400 Edition 1 Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality
Technology Equipment

Standard(s) Update In January 2025, ASTM published a revision of UL 8400 Edition 1 *Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality Technology Equipment.* The revision included requirements pertaining to user ages, functional safety, skin compatibility, biomechanical stress, safety and warning instructions, transmittance testing, and flicker testing. The revision also included updates to the scope of the standard, and it incorporated UL 4200A on button and coin cell batteries.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ULSE to improve the safety of wearable technology products. During the reporting period, staff participated in

numerous task group and STP meetings.

Meeting(s) Staff is working to revise the second edition of UL 8400, by participating in

regular, reoccurring STP and task group meetings. Staff advocated for a review of CPSC-provided data and recommended ways to improve the draft standard, including the sections on age requirements, biomechanical stress, biocompatibility, and safety and warning instructions, among others.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to participate in task group and STP meetings and other

efforts to improve the standard.

## Home Products and Hazards

# "15j Rules"

#### **Purpose**

To work with standard developers to revise, as needed, voluntary standards deemed "15j rules" under the CPSA. Standards issued under section 15(j) of the CPSA must have readily observable safety characteristics that are adequately addressed in a voluntary standard and for which associated products substantially comply. If any of the requirements for a section 15(j) rule are not met, a product may be deemed a substantial product hazard under section 15(a)(2) of the CPSA. These products are not subject to CPSC testing and certification requirements.

#### Staff Contact

Trotta, Andrew

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 588	Standard for Safety for Seasonal and Holiday
	Decorative Products
UL 859	Standard for Safety for Household Electric
	Personal Grooming Appliances
UL 1727	Standard for Safety for Commercial Electric
	Personal Grooming Appliances
UL 817	Standard for Cord Sets and Power-Supply Cords
ASTM F1816-	Standard Safety Specification for
18(2024)	Drawstrings on Children's Upper Outerwear

### Standard(s) Update

In November 2024, ASTM renewed ASTM F1816-18(2024) Standard Safety Specification for Drawstrings on Children's Upper Outerwear.

### Relevant Rule

The following versions of the standards are incorporated by reference in 16 CFR part 1120:

- ASTM F 1816-97, Standard Safety Specification for Drawstrings on Children's Upper Outerwear, approved June 10, 1997, published August 1998 ("ASTM F 1816-97"),
- UL 588, Standard for Safety for Seasonal and Holiday Decorative Products, 18th Edition, approved August 21, 2000 ("UL 588"), IBR approved for § 1120.3(c).

- UL 859, Standard for Safety for Household Electric Personal Grooming Appliances, 10th Edition, approved August 30, 2002, and revised through June 3, 2010 ("UL 859"), IBR approved for § 1120.3(a).
- UL 1727, Standard for Safety for Commercial Electric Personal Grooming Appliances, 4th Edition, approved March 25, 1999, and revised through June 25, 2010 ("UL 1727"), IBR approved for § 1120.3(a).
- UL 817, Standard for Cord Sets and Power-Supply Cords, 11th Edition, dated March 16, 2001, as revised through February 3, 2014 ("UL 817"), IBR approved for § 1120.3(d).

Note: Window coverings are in a separate entry in this section.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM and ULSE to monitor changes to the standards and revisions to address safety issues. During the reporting period, staff attended an ASTM F15.37 meeting and reviewed ballots.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F15.37 subcommittee meeting on drawstrings where comments on the renewal ballot were discussed for potential future revisions to the standard, including clarifications on the definition of upper outerwear and an expansion of scope.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
October 2024	ASTM	Ballot F15(24-18), item 22, proposed renewal of
	F1816	the standard. The ballot item received no
		negatives and passed.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to participate in subcommittee and TC meetings, as scheduled. Staff will provide incident data to the ASTM 15.37 subcommittee.

### Adult Portable Bed Rails

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard, as needed, to

address hazards associated with adult portable bed rails.

Staff Contact Dayal, Vineed

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3186-24	Standard Specification for Adult Portable Bed Rails and Related Products

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1270, Safety Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with the ASTM F15.70 subcommittee to

improve the safety of adult portable bedrails.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to participate in subcommittee meetings, as

scheduled.

### **Architectural Glazing**

Purpose To work with the Glazing Industry Secretariat Committee (GISC) to

revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards

associated with architectural glazing.

Staff Contact Goldstein, Zachary

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI Z97.1-2015	American National Standard for Safety Glazing Materials Used in Building—Safety Performance Specifications and Methods of Test

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1201, Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing Materials

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with GISC to monitor changes to the standard and revisions to address safety issues. During the reporting period, staff

attended an ANSI Z97 meeting.

Meeting(s) Staff attended an ANSI Z97 meeting to discuss comments submitted for

potential revision to the standard and a future revised ballot.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) Date Voluntary Summary and Results (If Applicable)

February ANSI Z97.1 Revision Ballot B24-100724.01 proposed clarification to testing instructions, classification changes, editorial updates, and changes to terminology. The revisions are expected to be reballoted.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to participate in subcommittee meetings, as

scheduled.

## Bath Tubs (Adult)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to re-establish ASTM F462 or develop a new

voluntary standard to address fall hazards associated with adult bath tubs

and shower facilities, with particular focus on older consumers.

**Staff Contact** Gordon, Bradley

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current version

ASTM F462-79(2007) Consumer Safety Specification for Slip-Resistant (Withdrawn in 2016) Bathing Facilities

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.03 subcommittee to develop a new standard that addresses slip and fall hazards in bath tubs and shower surfaces. During the reporting period, staff participated in two subcommittee meetings. Additionally, CPSC initiated a contract with Arizona State University to conduct human slip studies in bathtubs.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in subcommittee meetings focused on updating the standard and provided updates on the ASU contract and expected outcomes from the study. The subcommittee also explored the idea of a

standard for adhesive-backed bath mats.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when

scheduled.

## Batteries, Fire (High-Energy Density)

**Purpose** To work with the various SDOs on revising battery, battery charger, and

battery-powered product safety voluntary standards and support developing certification programs for batteries to address fire-related hazards, including overheating, thermal burns, fires, and explosions.

**Staff Contact** Kadiwala, Jay

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
UL 1642, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for Lithium Batteries
UL 2272, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Standard for Electrical Systems for Personal E-
	Mobility Devices
UL 2849, 1st Edition	Standard for Electrical Systems for e-Bikes
UL 9540, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	Standard for Energy Storage Systems and
	Equipment
UL 9540a, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway
Edition	Fire Propagation in Battery Energy Storage
	Systems
UL 2056, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition	Outline of Investigation for Safety of Lithium-ion
	Standard for Safety for Power Banks
UL 2054, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	Household and Commercial Batteries
UL 60086-4, 1st	Standard for Safety of Primary Batteries, Part 4:
Edition	Safety of Primary Batteries
UL 62133, 1st Edition	Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing Alkaline
	and Other Non-Acid Electrolytes – Safety
	Requirements for Portable Sealed Secondary Cells,
	and for Batteries Made From Them, for Use in
	Portable Applications
UL 62133-1, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing
Edition	Alkaline and Other Non-Acid Electrolytes –
	Safety Requirements for Portable Sealed
	Secondary Cells, and for Batteries Made From
	Them, for Use in Portable Applications, Part 1:
	Nickel Systems
UL 62133-2, 1st	Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing Alkaline
Edition	and Other Non-Acid Electrolytes – Safety
	Requirements for Portable Sealed Secondary Cells,

	and for Batteries Made From Them, for Use in Portable Applications, Part 2: Lithium Systems
UL 2271, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	Batteries for Light Electric Vehicle (LEV) Applications

In October 2024, ULSE published the first edition of UL 2056 Standard for Safety of Power Banks.

In January 2025, ULSE published a revision to UL 62133-1, 1st Edition Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing Alkaline and Other Non-Acid Electrolytes – Safety Requirements for Portable Sealed Secondary Cells, and for Batteries Made From Them, for Use in Portable Applications, Part 1: Nickel Systems. The revision included reaffirmation of UL 62133-1 as an American National Standard.

In March 2025, ULSE published a revision to UL 9540, 3rd Edition Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment. The revision included the addition of a new Annex H to help clarify required manufacturer's installation instructions for residential energy storage systems.

In March 2025, ULSE published a revision to UL 9540a Fifth Edition *Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway Fire Propagation in Battery Energy Storage Systems*. The revision included various revisions throughout the standard for improving the test methods for properly evaluating thermal runaway propagation in residential energy storage systems.

#### Relevant Rule

#### N/A

Staff developed a draft NPR for *Electrical Systems for Micromobility Products* for Commission consideration.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with NEMA and ULSE on improving the overall safety of the battery powered products with primary focus on e-mobility devices, including e-bikes, and their battery chargers. During the reporting period, staff participated in meetings on battery safety.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ANSI C18 meetings to discuss fire-related battery issues and the draft NEMA *Recommended Practices Guide for Lithium Ion Cells and Batteries*, which was circulated for review and comment. Staff provided an update on agency activity and the task force for ANSI C18.2, *Portable Rechargeable Cells and Batteries- Safety Standard*.

Staff participated in the new TC UL1487 to develop a new standard for Battery Containment Enclosures (BCEs). The TC decided to exclude

residential BCEs. Staff advocated for residential requirements but the TC was concerned having the requirements would provide consumers a false sense of security because residential installation differs from commercial installation.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in ULSE meetings, when scheduled. Staff will

participate in the e-mobility device and e-bike working group to improve battery safety in those relevant standards. Staff will continue to collaborate on the NEMA Recommended Practices Guide for Lithium Ion Cells and

Batteries.

### Batteries, Ingestion (Button)

**Purpose** To work with the various SDOs to revise button and coin cell battery

safety voluntary standards and end-product voluntary standards for products that use these button and coin cell batteries, to address accidental battery ingestions that can cause severe injury and death.

Staff Contact Taxier, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 4200A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition (2023)	Standard for Safety for Products Incorporating Button Batteries or Coin Cell Batteries
UL 60065, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Audio, Video, and Similar Electronic Apparatus—Safety Requirements
ANSI C18.1M Part 2- 2024	American National Standard for Portable Primary Cells and Batteries with Aqueous Electrolyte - Safety Standard
ANSI C18.2M Part 2- 2021	American National Standard for Portable Rechargeable Cells and Batteries—Safety Standard
ANSI C18.3M Part 2- 2024	American National Standard for Portable Lithium Primary Cells and Batteries - Safety Standard
ANSI C18.4M-2017	American National Standard for Portable Cells and Batteries- Environmental

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1263, Safety Standard for Button Cell or Coin Batteries and Consumer Products Containing Such Batteries.

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On January 29, 2024, the Commission published a NOA for a *Petition Requesting Rulemaking To Amend the Requirement for a "Keep Out of Reach" Icon on Button Cell or Coin Battery Packaging* [89 FR 5438] with comments due March 29, 2024. Docket No. CPSC-2024-0004. On October 1, 2024, the Commission voted to deny the petition and directed the staff to draft a letter of denial to the Petitioner. On October 30, 2024, staff sent a letter of denial to the Petitioner.

On August 13, 2024, the Commission published an NPR for *Safety Standard for Toys: Requirements for Toys Containing Button Cell or Coin Cell Batteries* [89 FR 65791].

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff participated in ANSI C18 and ASTM

15.22 meetings on battery accessibility.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in several NEMA/ANSI C18 meetings on ingestion

requirements.

Staff also participated in multiple ASTM F15.22 meetings on battery

requirements in ASTM F963 (see the entry for Toys).

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue participation in NEMA/ANSI C18 standards meetings

and other related button and coin cell battery standards, including UL 4200A and ASTM F15.22, as needed. Staff will deliver a final rule briefing package for Commission consideration for battery requirements

in toys.

### Candles and Candle Accessories

**Purpose** To work with the ASTM F15.45 subcommittee on revising the voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated

with candles and candle accessories.

**Staff Contact** Ayers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2417-24	Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles
ASTM F2601-18	Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candle Accessories

ASTM F2058-07 (2014)	Standard Specification for Candle Fire
	Safety Labeling

In October 2024, ASTM published a revision of ASTM F2417-24 *Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles*. The revision included new requirements for embedded items in filled candles and for filled candle containers.

## Relevant Rule

N/A

# Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.45 subcommittee on candle safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in task group meetings on data and recalls and reviewed a ballot.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in quarterly incident data teleconferences, discussing recent candle-related recalls and incidents found on SaferProducts.gov and from other sources, such as Canada or Europe.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

## Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
April 2025		Ballot F15(25-06), item 8, proposed test methods for candle containers. The ballot was still open at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will continue to participate in subcommittee meetings, quarterly incident data teleconferences, and task group meetings, as scheduled.

#### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

#### **Purpose**

To work with ULSE to ensure that the voluntary standard adequately addresses the safety hazards associated with CO alarms and effective notification of hazardous levels of CO.

#### Staff Contact

Brookman, Matthew J.

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms
UL 2075, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors

The voluntary standard not up was not updated during the reporting

period.

Relevant Rule On December 18, 2024, the Commission received a petition requesting that the Commission promulgate a rule to establish a consumer product safety standard for carbon monoxide alarms. On March 14, 2025, the Commission voted to defer the petition and directed staff to work with ULSE. Staff was further directed to provide a report to the Commission on the progress and staff recommendations for next action by September

30, 2025.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the technical committee to enhance the standard and maintain effective performance requirements for CO alarms. During the reporting period, staff participated in meetings focused on

potential revisions to UL 2034 and UL 2075.

*Meeting(s)* Staff participated in UL 2034 STP and TG meetings on petition proposals,

CSA harmonization, displays, voice alarms, and markings. Staff also participated in UL 2075 STP and TG meetings on requirements for low-

level CO monitoring devices.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in STP and TG meetings, as scheduled.

# Clothing Storage Units Tip Over

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standards to strengthen their

safety provisions addressing the hazards associated with furniture tip-over

incidents.

Staff Contact Talcott, Kristen

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM F2057-23	Standard Safety Specification for Clothing Storage Units
ASTM F3096-23	Standard Performance Specification for Tipover
	Restraint(s) Used with Clothing Storage Unit(s)

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1261, Safety Standard for Clothing Storage Units

### Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.42 subcommittee on furniture safety, especially regarding tip-over hazards. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee meeting and many task group meetings, reviewed proposals, and provided data.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple task group meetings related to the proposed changes to the ASTM F2057 and ASTM F3096 standards. Meetings included ASTM F2057 standard referencing and test apparatus and ASTM F3096 static and dynamic testing, materials interaction, and toggle bolts task groups in addition to a subcommittee meeting.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/23/2024	Data	Staff provided the material interaction task group with data redacted IDI involving an anti-tip strap failure.
10/31/2024	Data	Staff provided the task groups with seven IDIs related to antitip devices.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
February 2025		Ballot F15.42(25-01), item 1, proposed test language clarification, editorial updates, and correcting illustration references. The item had not been resolved at the end of the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings.

#### Countertop Kitchen Appliances

**Purpose** To work with ULSE to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with countertop kitchen

appliances.

Staff Contact Trotta, Andrew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 136, 8th Edition	Standard for Pressure Cookers
UL 1026, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety for Electric Household Cooking and Food Serving Appliances

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE to enhance the safety of countertop cooking appliances. During the reporting period, staff reviewed and submitted feedback on proposals related to UL 135, pressure cookers.

Additionally, staff attended UL TC 1026 meetings.

Meeting(s) Staff attended multiple UL TC 1026 meetings related to emerging

technology of wireless power transfer to cordless kitchen appliances.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
1/22/2025	CSDS	Staff provided comments on the most recent
		proposals for UL 136.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in TC meetings, as scheduled, and review any

additional proposals.

#### **Electric Heaters**

**Purpose** To work with ULSE to revise the voluntary standard to address fire deaths

caused by portable electric heaters.

**Staff Contact** Lee, Arthur

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard for Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE to improve the safety of electric heaters. During the reporting period, staff participated in regular working

group meetings to address electric heater fire hazards. Staff serves as

the Chair for this WG.

Meeting(s) Staff chaired several WG meetings and presented multiple

recommendations for increasing the safety of portable electric heaters. The group met frequently to develop or refine performance requirements

and review comments on proposals.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2025	UL 1278	The ballot proposed to address power cord connections, internal wiring connections, plastic flammability, and tip over. The item had not been resolved at the end of the reporting period.

**Next Action** CPSC staff will continue to chair and participate in working group meetings, as scheduled.

# Fire Extinguishing Technology

**Purpose** To work with ULSE to revise the voluntary standard to address the safety

and efficacy of various fire extinguishing technologies.

Staff Contact Nazare, Shonali

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 711 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Rating and Testing of Fire Extinguishers
, ,	Standard Specification for Cooking Fire Suppression Blankets

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE to improve the safety of consumer fire extinguishing products, such as aerosol fire extinguishers and fire blankets. During the reporting period, staff participated in a ULSE-convened meeting on non-conventional fire extinguishers.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in a two day, ULSE-led meeting on consumer-grade,

non-conventional fire extinguishers, with the goal of exploring standards

development opportunities for these products.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate upcoming meetings, as scheduled.

### Flammable Refrigerants

**Purpose** To work with the various ULSE and ASHRAE standards work groups to

revise the voluntary standards associated with consumer products that utilize flammable refrigerants (also known and marketed as "low global"

warming potential refrigerants").

**Staff Contact** Ayers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-40: Particular Requirements for Electrical Heat Pumps, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers
ASHRAE 15.2 – 2022	Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems in Residential Applications

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE, CSA, and ASHRAE to improve the safety of flammable refrigerants. During the reporting period, staff participated in ULSE and ASHRAE meetings on flammable refrigerants.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASHRAE 15.2 and UL/CSA 60335-2-40 meetings reviewing potential changes and providing each committee with feedback

on proposals.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action Staff will participate in an ASHRAE 15.2 subcommittee and an UL/CSA

60335-2-40 working group meetings, as scheduled.

## Flooring (Slips, Trips, and Falls)

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and NFSI on developing a new voluntary standard

or revising the existing voluntary standard to reduce or prevent

consumer slips, trips, and falls.

**Staff Contact** Gordon, Bradley

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2508- 23	Standard Practice for Validation, Calibration, and Certification of Walkway Tribometers Using Reference Surfaces

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule On January 22, 2024, the Commission published a NOA for a *Petition* Requesting Rulemaking To Mandate Testing and Labeling Regarding Slip Resistance of Flooring, Floor Coatings and Treatments, Floor

Cleaning Agents, and Footwear [89 FR 3914].

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ASTM F13.10 subcommittee to establish better characterization of trip, slip, and fall hazards associated with flooring. During the reporting period, staff attended a F13 committee

meeting.

Meeting(s) Staff attended a F13 committee meeting that provided updates on

subcommittee activities. Staff also attended an outreach

subcommittee meeting.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming meetings, as scheduled.

#### Furniture Tip-over

**Purpose** To work with BIFMA to revise the voluntary standards to address tip-over

hazards with bookcases and other similar storage furniture.

Staff Contact Howie, Adam

Voluntary	
Standard(s)	

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/BIFMA X5.9	Storage Units

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with BIFMA to address furniture tip-over

hazards. During the reporting period, staff participated in two BIFMA X5

technical committee meetings.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in two BIFMA X5 technical committee meetings on

various home and office furniture standards, including stability.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period

**Next Action** Staff will participate in BIFMA X5 meetings, as scheduled. Staff plans to

provide the committee with incident data associated with bookcase tip-

overs.

# Garage Door Operators

**Purpose** To work with ULSE to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with residential garage door

operators.

**Staff Contact** Kadiwala, Jay

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/CAN/UL 325:2023	Standard for Safety for Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1211 Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door

Operators

Activities Summary Staff continues to monitor the activities of the technical committee and subcommittees for any developments related to CO safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in an ANSI/CAN/UL 325 meeting.

Meeting(s)

There were no ULSE meetings on this standard during the reporting period. Staff had a meeting with UL Solutions stakeholders for a detailed explanation of a UL Solutions comment on removing a requirement for correction operation of the secondary entrapment protection device.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
TBD		The ballot proposed the addition of requirements for battery powered applications and the removal of a correct operation requirement for the secondary entrapment protection. Staff expects the ballot to close before the end of FY 25.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will continue to engage with ULSE and any other SDOs interested in residential garage door operators. Additionally, if ULSE publishes a standard, staff will work on a briefing package for Commission consideration to determine if the standard revisions meet the purposes of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act.

## Gas Appliances, CO Sensors

**Purpose** 

To work with technical committees on revising the voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with CO poisoning risks due to failure modes such as disconnected vents and partially blocked vents.

Staff Contact

Jordan, Ronald

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ANSI Z21.47-2016/	Gas-Fired Central Furnaces
CSA 2.3-2016	
ANSI Z21.13-2022/	Gas-Fired Low Pressure Steam and Hot Water
CSA 4.9-2022	Boilers
ANSI Z21.86-2016/	Vented Gas-Fired Space Heating Appliances
CSA 2.32-2016	

Standard(s)

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

#### Update

Relevant Rule On October 25, 2023, the Commission published an NPR for a *Safety Standard for Residential Gas Furnaces and Boilers* [88 FR 73272]. The Commission hosted an opportunity for oral presentations on February 21, 2024 FD FR 2583]

2024 [89 FR 8583].

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the technical committee and subcommittees for improvements to CO safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple CSA Z21 technical subcommittee meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple CSA Joint Technical Sub-Committee meeting on *Standards for Gas-fired Central Furnaces* to discuss changes to Z21.47 to include CO sensors in appliances. Staff also participated in several Z21.13 Standard for Gas-fired Low-Pressure Steam and Hot Water Boiler meetings, advocating for a proposal to mount CO alarms on these appliances.

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period

**Next Action** 

Staff will continue to engage with CSA and any other SDOs interested in gas appliance safety and CO sensors. Staff will continue work on a NOA to publish data relied on for the NPR.

# Indoor Air Quality

#### **Purpose**

To work with SDOs and other stakeholders to develop and maintain voluntary standards that address hazards associated with indoor air quality. ASTM D22.05's indoor air subcommittee creates and updates standards on indoor air and indoor environments related to many different sources (e.g., chemicals, materials, products used indoors).

#### Staff Contact

Bevington, Charles

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM D8142-17e1	Standard Test Method for Determining Chemical Emissions from Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) Insulation using Micro-Scale Environmental Test Chambers
ASTM D8141-22	Standard Guide for Selecting Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) Emission Testing Methods to

	Determine Emission Parameters for Modeling of
	Indoor Environments
ASTM D5438-23	Standard Practice for Collection of Floor Dust for Chemical Analysis
ASTM D8445-22a	Standard Practice for Measuring Chemical
	Emissions from Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF)
	Insulation Samples in a Large-scale Ventilated
	Enclosure
ASTM D6669-19	Standard Practice for Selecting and Constructing Exposure Scenarios for Assessment of Exposures to Alkyd and Latex Interior Paints
ASTM D8560-24	Standard Guide for Determination of Airborne PFAS in the Indoor Air Environment
ASHRAE 62.2-2022	Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM D22.05 subcommittee and CSA on standards related to measuring and modeling chemicals in the indoor environment. During the reporting period, staff participated in ASTM meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting of ASTM D22.05 on indoor air quality.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** 

Staff will continue to participate in ASTM meetings to develop and review standards related to IAQ and consumer products.

Lighters

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on revising or developing voluntary standards to

strengthen provisions addressing hazards associated with lighters.

Staff Contact

Ayers, Scott

Voluntary	7
Standard	(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F400-20(2024)	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Lighters
ASTM F2201-20	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Utility Lighters
ASTM WK	Potential new standard for rechargeable utility lighters

In November 2024, ASTM published ASTM F400-20(2024) *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Lighters*, a renewal of the standard.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1210, Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters 16 CFR part 1212, Safety Standard for Multi-purpose Lighters

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.02 subcommittee on lighter

safety issues.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
		The ballot proposed a renewal of the standard. The item passed.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings, as scheduled.

### **Liquid Laundry Packets**

Purpose

To work with ASTM on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards associated with liquid laundry detergent packets.

Staff Contact

Hurley, Jill

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3159-15(2022)	Standard Safety Specification for Liquid Laundry Packets

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.71 subcommittee on liquid

laundry packet safety issues.

*Meeting(s)* Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings,

as scheduled.

## LP Gas Appliances

**Purpose** To work with CSA, NFPA, and other stakeholders to revise the voluntary

standards to strengthen safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standards address hazards associated with LP-gas appliances, such as

gas grills and fire pits.

Staff Contact Kim, Yeon Seok

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI Z21.97-2017 (R2022)/ CSA 2.41-2017 (R2022)	Outdoor Decorative Gas Appliances
, ,	Outdoor Cooking Gas Appliances
ANSI Z21.89-2017 / CSA 1.18-2017	Outdoor Specialty Gas Cooking Appliances
NFPA 58, 2024 Edition	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

Standard(s) Update Relevant Rule The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff attended several CSA technical

subcommittee meetings.

*Meeting(s)* Staff participated in TSC meetings for decorative gas appliances.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming CSA TSC meetings, when scheduled.

#### Mowers

**Purpose** To work with OPEI to revise their voluntary standards to address hazards

associated with walk-behind and riding power lawn mowers.

**Staff Contact** DeGrano, Frederick

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard for Consumer Turf Care Equipment – Pedestrian-Controlled Mower and Ride-On Mowers – Safety Specification
ANSI/OPEI 60335-2-107- 2020	Particular Requirements for Robotic Battery Powered Electrical Lawnmowers

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1205, Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the OPEI B71.1 committee on rollover and runover/backover hazards relating to residential riding lawn mowers.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place

during the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will meet with the OPEI B71.1 committee, as scheduled and provide

a letter with incident data and analysis.

#### **Portable Fuel Containers**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and ULSE to revise or develop fire safety requirements

for flame mitigation devices and other fire safety features in various types of portable fuel containers and to work with ASTM on revising the voluntary

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standard for child resistance of these products to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing hazards associated with the poisoning of children from gasoline from portable fuel containers

#### Staff Contact Aye

Ayers, Scott

# Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3429 / ASTM F3429M-24	Standard Specification for Performance of Flame Mitigation Devices Installed in Disposable and Pre- Filled Flammable Liquid Containers
ASTM F3326-21	Standard Specification for Flame Mitigation Devices on Portable Fuel Containers
ANSI/CAN/UL/ULC 30 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Standard for Safety Metallic and Nonmetallic Safety Cans for Flammable and Combustible Liquids
NFPA 30, 2021 Edition	Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
ASTM F2517-22e1	Standard Specification for Determination of Child Resistance of Portable Fuel Containers for Consumer Use

# Standard(s) Update

In March 2025, ULSE published an addendum to UL 30 10<sup>th</sup> Edition *Metallic* and *Nonmetallic Safety Cans for Flammable and Combustible Liquids*. The addendum revised the standard's required French warning statements to match the English statements.

## Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1461, Portable Fuel Container Safety Act Regulation.

16 CFR part 1460, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act Regulation.

# Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with SDOs to make portable fuel containers safer.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a UL 30 meeting discussing a proposed change that could indirectly affect the flame mitigation device performance tests by altering the "valve" and "flame arrestor" definitions.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to work with the committee, subcommittees, and task

groups, as scheduled.

#### Portable Generators

**Purpose** To work with ULSE and PGMA to revise the voluntary standards to strengthen

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with portable generator CO

deaths and injuries.

Staff Contact Buyer, Janet

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/PGMA G300- 2023	Safety and Performance of Portable Generators
UL 2201, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emission Rate of Portable Generators

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule On April 20, 2023, the Commission published a Supplemental NPR (SNPR) for

a Safety Standard for Portable Generators [88 FR 24346].

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE and PGMA on CO hazard mitigation requirements in UL 2201 and PGMA G300. During the reporting period, staff made recommendations to PGMA for G300-2023 to address fuel leaks in

generators, which present fire and burn hazards.

*Meeting(s)* Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to send a letter to PGMA with recommendations on tamper

resistance requirements of the CO shutoff system in G300. Staff will review any revisions to G300-2023 based on staff's recommendations. Staff will participate in any upcoming meetings and share data, as needed. Staff will continue work on a NOA to publish data relied on in the rulemaking, as well as a final rule

briefing package for Commission consideration.

# **Products That Affect Wildfire**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM and other stakeholders to develop and revise voluntary

standards that address the fire safety of products within the defensible

zone of homes in wildland urban interface (WUI) areas.

Staff Contact Nazare, Shonali

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM E 2886	Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Ability of Exterior Vents to Resist the Entry of Embers and Direct Flame Impingement

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff is working with ASTM to initiate and improve standards related to WUI

fire hazards.

Meeting(s) Voluntary standards meetings related to this topic did not take place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend ASTM E05 Committee meeting in June to start work

on a proposed new activity on consumer products and WUI fire hazards.

#### Ranges (Gas and Electric)

**Purpose** To work with the CSA TSC and other stakeholders to revise the voluntary

standard to strengthen its provisions for safety.

Staff Contact Avers, Scott

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
CSA/ANSI Z21.1-2024/	Household Cooking Gas Appliances
CSA 1.1-2024	
UL 858 16 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Household Electric Ranges

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff participated in meetings related to range

knobs and provided the working group with incident data.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in multiple independent and joint working group

meetings to discuss the issue of house fires started by range knobs accidentally turned on and to potentially recommend changes to the electric (UL 858) and gas (CSA/ANSI Z21.1) range standards.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
11/21/2024	Data	Staff provided the working group with incident data
		related to accidental range knob activation for the
		period 1/1/2017 to 7/19/2024.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in the range knob meeting, when scheduled.

#### **Recliners and Other Motion Furniture**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to address entrapment and crushing hazards

associated with home recliners and similar products.

Staff Contact Nesteruk, Hope

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
WK87355	A new safety standard for recliners

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR Part 1640, Standard for the Flammability of Upholstered Furniture

Activities Summary Staff will work with ASTM to develop standards to address mechanical hazards related to recliners. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subsequentiate and observed data with the subsequentiate.

in a subcommittee meeting and shared data with the subcommittee.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM 15.42 subcommittee meeting where the entrapment task group gave an update and CPSC provided a summary of the provided IDIs.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/16/2024	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with motion furniture IDIs.
10/24/2025	Data	Staff provided the subcommittee with motion furniture IDIs

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will continue to participate in subcommittee and task group meetings,

when scheduled.

#### **Smoke Alarms**

#### **Purpose**

To work with ULSE, NFPA, and other stakeholders on potential revisions to voluntary standards and codes to strengthen safety provisions addressing the use of smoke alarms to mitigate hazards.

#### Staff Contact

Lee, Arthur

### Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 217, 10th Edition	Standard for Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms
NFPA 72, 2025 Edition	National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®

## Standard(s) Update

In October 2024, NFPA published the 2025 edition of NFPA 72. The revision included removing the self-identification for persons with hearing loss to provide notice of their condition to facilities or installers and a requirement for low frequency smoke alarms in all areas within homes.

In November 2024, ULSE published the tenth edition of UL 217 *Standard for Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms*. The revision included definition updates, primary and secondary power supplies, performance tests that align with current practices, markings for commercial vehicles, and updated references.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE and NFPA to improve efficacy of smoke

alarms.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action Staff will continue participating in meetings, as scheduled.

## Torch Fuel and Lamp Fuel

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on the development of voluntary standards

> addressing the hazards associated with the color and design of torch and lamp fuel packaging, the color and odor of torch and lamp fuel, and the use and design of devices principally intended to house torch and lamp

fuel.

Staff Contact White, Sharon

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3304-22	Standard Specification for Lamp Fuel and Torch Fuel Packaging
WK 83678	Potential New Standard for Lamp Fuel and Torch Fuel Devices

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

Petition PP 11-1 requesting rulemaking for non-see-through packaging for torch fuel and lamp fuel. The Commission directed staff to work with a

standards organization.

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the ASTM F15.72 subcommittee to improve the safety of lamp and torch fuel. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings to develop a new standard to address the hazards associated with the use and design of devices intended to house torch and lamp fuel. Topics include oil lamps, torches, and oil candles and labeling, performance, test requirements associated with each.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period. **Next Action** 

ASTM is expected to ballot the new standard during the next reporting period. Staff plans to attend upcoming task group meetings, when scheduled.

## **Washing Machines**

**Purpose** To work with ULSE to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

provisions addressing hazards associated with an unbalanced load

condition of top-loading washing machines.

**Staff Contact** Kim, Yeon Seok

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors

Standard(s) Update In October 2024, ULSE published the fifth edition of UL 2157 *Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors*. The revision included editorial changes including renumbering and reformatting to align with current style.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with ULSE to improve the safety of washing

machines.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during

the reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend upcoming task group meetings, when scheduled.

## Window Coverings

**Purpose** To work with WCMA to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its

safety provisions addressing hazards associated with window covering

cords.

Staff Contact Balci-Sinha, Rana

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current	Title
version	
ANSI/WCMA A100.1-2022	Standard for Safety of Corded Window
	Covering Products

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

On November 28, 2022, the Commission published the final rule 16 CFR part 1120, Substantial Product Hazard List: Window Covering Cords [87 FR 72873], which addresses hazardous operating cords on stock window coverings, the presence of hazardous inner cords on stock and custom window coverings, and the absence of a manufacturer label on stock and custom window coverings with an effective date of December 28, 2022. Also on November 28, the final rule for 16 CFR part 1260, Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings, was published in the Federal Register (87 FR 73144) with an effective date of May 30, 2023.

On September 12, 2023, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated the *Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings* final rule and remanded to the Commission for further proceedings.

Staff began developing a draft NPR in response to the Court's findings for Commission consideration.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with WCMA on window covering safety issues.

Meeting(s)

No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming committee meetings, when scheduled and send a letter with incident data. Staff will prepare a rulemaking proposal for Commission consideration as stated in the Commission's FY25 Operating Plan.

## Recreation

#### ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles)

## **Purpose** To

To work with SVIA to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions and to ensure that the voluntary standard and the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels to reduce fire, stability, and occupant protection hazards associated with ATVs.

## Staff Contact Voluntary Standard(s)

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Designation and	Title
current version	
ANSI/SVIA 1-2023	American National Standard for Four Wheel All-
	Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1420, Standard for All-Terrain Vehicles

On May 11, 2021, the Commission published an ANPR Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fire and Debris-Penetration Hazards; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comments and Information (86 FR 25817) to address the risk of injury from ATV, ROV and UTV fires and debris-penetration hazards associated with ROVs and UTVs.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with SVIA to develop possible performance standard requirements to address fire, tip-over, and collision hazards. During the reporting period, CPSC staff participated in a voluntary standards meeting with SVIA.

#### Meeting(s)

CPSC staff met with SVIA to discuss ATV rollover hazards. Staff presented incident and testing data and advocated for SVIA to consider ATV stability control or occupant protection devices.

CPSC staff continued participation in voluntary standards meetings with members of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J350 committee to explore revisions to the spark arrester test procedure of J350 that is referenced in the US Forest Service FS 5100 standard. ATVs are required to meet the requirements of FS 5100.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue collaborating with SVIA to address fire, collision and

stability hazards associated with ATVs.

## **Bicycles**

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM to develop new or revised ASTM voluntary standards to reduce or eliminate hazards associated with bicycles and bicycle

components.

Staff Contact

Mella, Lawrence

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and	Title
current version	
ASTM F2793-14(2023)	Standard Specification for Bicycle Grips
ASTM F2273-	Standard Test Methods for Bicycle Forks
11(2024)	
ASTM F2274-	Standard Specification for Condition 3 Bicycle
11(2024)	Forks
ASTM F2899-	Standard Specification for Condition 1 Bicycle
11(2024)	Forks
ASTM F3642-24	Standard Specification for Front-Mounted Bicycle Child Carriers (9 kg – 15 kg)

## Standard(s) Update

In December 2024, ASTM published renewals of ASTM F2273-11(2024) Standard Test Methods for Bicycle Forks, ASTM F2274-11(2024) Standard Specification for Condition 3 Bicycle Forks, and ASTM F2899-

11(2024) Standard Specification for Condition 1 Bicycle Forks.

In December 2024, ASTM published ASTM F3642-24 Standard Specification for Front-Mounted Bicycle Child Carriers (9 kg – 15 kg). The revision included alignment and updates to content based on other standards, and the removal of duplicate warning labels.

standards, and the removal of duplicate warning labels.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR part 1512 Requirements for Bicycles

On March 15, 2024, the Commission published an ANPR for Electric

Bicycles [89 FR 18861].

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with the subcommittee on issues related to bicycles. During the reporting period, staff participated in a F08.10

subcommittee meeting and reviewed a ballot.

Meeting(s) Staff attended the ASTM F08.10 Bicycles subcommittee meetings, where

a negative on the bicycle grip standard ballot was discussed.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
October	Letter	Staff provided supportive comments for ASTM
20, 2023		Ballot F08 (23-04) item 2.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024	ASTM F2273	Ballot F08(24-05), item 1, proposed renewal of the standard. The item received no negatives and passed.
October 2024	ASTM F2274	Ballot F08(24-05), item 2, proposed renewal of the standard. The item received no negatives and passed.
October 2024	ASTM F2899	Ballot F08(24-05), item 3, proposed renewal of the standard. The item received no negatives and passed.
October 2024	ASTM F3642	Ballot F08(24-05), item 7, proposed updated references to related standards and other editorial changes. The item received no negatives and passed.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee meetings, as scheduled, and plans to provide the subcommittee with a redacted IDI for a recent incident. Additionally, staff will prepare a draft NPR for e-bikes for Commission consideration.

#### Fireworks

## Purpose

To work with AFSL and APA on revising the voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with consumer fireworks.

#### Staff Contact

Herdman, Jennifer

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
Version	Standard for Construction, Classification, Approval, and Transportation of Consumer Fireworks
AFSL 101 – 115, February 2022	AFSL Standards for Consumer Fireworks

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule 16 CFR § 1500.17, Banned Hazardous Substances

16 CFR part 1507, Firework Devices

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with APA and AFSL on fireworks issues.

Meeting(s) No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming APA and AFSL standards committee

meetings, as scheduled.

#### **Grill Brushes**

**Purpose** To work with CSA and ASTM to revise the existing or establish a new

voluntary standard to adequately address the hazard associated with

ingestion of grill brush bristles.

**Staff Contact** Stewart, Daniel

Voluntary Standard(s) Designation and current Title
version
CSA Z630:19

Barbecue grill brushes

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with ASTM F15 to explore a potential new grill brush safety standard. During the reporting period, staff participated in an ASTM F15.04 subcommittee meeting. Additionally, staff performed testing

of grill brushes on the market.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in an ASTM F15.04 subcommittee meeting where scope

and need for the standard was discussed. Staff volunteered to perform testing on grill brushes on the market to better understand compliance with

the CSA standard.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff is performing product testing and will work with the subcommittee on

developing any future revisions or requirements in a standard.

## Hydrogel Projectiles/Non-Powdered Guns

Purpose

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standards to adequately address the hazard associated with hydrogel projectile launchers and non-powder guns.

**Staff Contact** 

Hurley, Jill

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F589	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non- Powder Guns
ASTM F3730-24	Standard Specification for Projectiles Used with Hydrogel Projectile Launchers
ASTM 3741-24	Standard Specification for Hydrogel Projectile Launchers
	New Practice for Hydrogel Projectile Launcher Playing Field

## Standard(s) Update

In December 2024, ASTM published the new standard ASTM F3730-24 Standard Specification for Projectiles Used with Hydrogel Projectile Launchers.

In December 2024, ASTM published the new standard ASTM F3741-24 Standard Specification for Hydrogel Projectile Launchers.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continued to work with ASTM F08.37 and F15.06 to improve the safety of hydrogel projectile launchers and non-powder guns. During the reporting period, staff attended ASTM F08.27 meetings and reviewed ballots.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASTM F08.27 work group meetings for establishing requirements on hydrogel projectile launcher fields.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
November 2024	ASTM F3741	Ballot F08(24-05), item 5, proposed the new specification. The item received no negatives and passed.
December 2024	ASTM WK91404	Ballot F08.27(24-04), item 1, proposed the new specification. The item received no negatives and passed.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will work with the subcommittee on developing any future requirements in the standard and attend any meetings, as scheduled.

## **Magnet Sets**

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to adequately address the hazard associated with ingestion of magnets from magnet sets.

#### Staff Contact

Harsanyi, Stephen

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Specification for Marketing, Packaging, and Labeling Adult Magnet Sets Containing Small, Loose, Powerful Magnets (with a Flux Index ≥50 kG²mm²)

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1262, Safety Standard for Magnets

## Activities Summary

Staff continued to work with ASTM F15.77 to improve the safety of magnet sets. Staff provided the subcommittee with a letter and attended a joint ASTM F15.22 and F15.77 meeting on magnet ingestion concerns.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a joint ASTM F15.22 and F15.77 meeting on magnet ingestion concerns. Staff provided the subcommittees with a magnet IDI in September 2024 and the two subcommittees have met and corresponded with staff to explore options for addressing the concerns.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
11/14/2024	Letter	Staff sent a letter to both ASTM F15.22 and
		F15.77 providing a detailed magnet testing procedure and responses to questions from a
		previous letter.

#### Ballot(s)

There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will work with the subcommittee on developing any future requirements in the standard.

#### Market Umbrellas/Beach Umbrellas

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to develop voluntary standards to address hazards

associated with market (including patio) umbrellas (MU) and beach

umbrellas (BU).

Staff Contact Newens. Andrew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3512-21	Standard Test Method for Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas
ASTM F3681-24	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Beach Umbrellas and Anchor Devices

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

N/A

**Activities** Summary Staff continues to work with the MU Subcommittee and BU Task Group on improving safety for market and beach umbrellas. During the reporting period, staff participated in a subcommittee and reviewed a ballot.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in a subcommittee meeting where a ballot was discussed.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024		Ballot F15(24-18), item 20, proposed some clarifications and modifications to testing, definitions, and references. The ballot item had some negatives that were balloted as non-persuasive in ballot F15 (25-05) that closed 3/27/2025. 3 of 3 items were approved.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in subcommittee and task group meetings, as

scheduled.

#### Playground Equipment, Home

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to strengthen existing safety provisions and identify

and address emerging hazards associated with home playground

equipment.

Staff Contact Newens, Andy

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Home Playground Equipment
	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Constant Air Inflatable Play Devices for Home Use

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM to improve home playground safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in subcommittee and task group meetings and provided the subcommittee with incident data.

## Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASTM F15.09 subcommittee meetings for home playgrounds and F15.61 subcommittee meetings for constant air inflatable play devices. Staff participated in F15.09 task group meetings for pictograms to address strangulation on home playgrounds, and indoor triangle climbers for toddlers to address head entrapments and other hazards. Staff also participated in an F15.61 task group meeting to discuss whether the scope for the constant air inflatable play devices standard would also encompass sealed inflatable toys, such as ball pits.

## Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary	
11/13/2024	Data	Staff provided a redacted IDI for a residential bounce house.	
11/25/2024		Staff provided a redacted IDI for a home swing set drawstring strangulation.	

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March	ASTM	Ballot F15.09(25-01), item 1, proposed warning
2025	F1148	pictograms for strangulation hazards. The item was
		unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

#### **Next Action**

Staff will participate in the next subcommittee meetings, scheduled for May 2025.

#### Playground Equipment, Public

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety

provisions addressing hazards associated with public playground

equipment.

#### Staff Contact

Newens, Andy

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title	
ASTM F1487-21	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Playground Equipment	
ASTM F2049- 2011(2017)	Safety Performance Specification for Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and Multi-Family Residential Use Outdoor Play Areas	
ASTM F2373-24	Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Use Play Equipment for Children 6 Months through 23 Months	
ASTM F1918-21	Standard Safety Performance Specification for Soft Contained Play Equipment	
ASTM F3699-24	Standard Guide for the Certification of Recreation Area Installers	

## Standard(s) Update

In October 2024, ASTM published the new standard ASTM F3699-24 Standard Guide for the Certification of Recreation Area Installers.

In December 2024, ASTM published ASTM F2373-24 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Use Play Equipment for Children 6 Months through 23 Months. The revision included changes to the Labels and Signs section that harmonized the language with F1487-21.

#### Relevant Rule

N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM to improve public playground safety. During the reporting period, staff made draft changes to the CPSC Public Playground handbook after consideration of public comments, participated in multiple task group and subcommittee meetings, and reviewed and provided comments on a ballot.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff attended an ASTM F14.10 Fencing Subcommittee meeting, where the subcommittee discussed a ballot to revert F2049-11(2017) to a guide. Staff participated in an ASTM F15.29 subcommittee meeting that reviewed task group activity on fully enclosed towers and climbers, play mounds, small inground bouncers, the *Standard Guide for the Certification of Recreation Facility Installers*, and the F2373 WG. Staff also participated in task group meetings on play mounds and small in-ground bouncers.

#### Communication(s)

)	Date	Type	Summary
	11/27/2024		Staff provided comments on ballot F14(24-03), item 5, for reapproval of F2049-2011(2017) Safety Performance Specification for Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and Multi-Family Residential Use Outdoor Play Areas.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
October 2024	ASTM F1487	Ballot F15(24-18), eight items, proposed changes to sections on suspended hazards, slide clearance zones, lateral load structural test, and wheelchair handrail height. The items received negative votes and comments, which were unresolved at the end of this reporting period.
November 2024	ASTM F1148	Ballot F14(24-03), item 5, proposed a title change to the standard. The item received multiple negatives and was removed from the ballot.

#### Next Action

Staff will participate in subcommittee meetings in May 2025 and update the CPSC Public Playground Handbook after consideration of public comments in FY2025.

## **Playground Surfacing**

**Purpose** 

To work with ASTM to revise the voluntary standards to address the hazard

patterns associated with playground surfacing.

Staff Contact

Newens, Andy

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1292-22	Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment
ASTM F1951-21	Standard Specification for Determination of Accessibility of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment
ASTM F2075-20	Standard Specification for Engineered Wood Fiber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment

ASTM F2479-24	Standard Guide for Specification, Purchase, Installation and Maintenance of Poured-In-Place Playground Surfacing
ASTM F2650-17e1	Standard Terminology Relating to Impact Testing of Sports Surfaces and Equipment
ASTM F3012-22	Standard Specification for Loose-Fill Rubber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment
ASTM F2223-19a	Standard Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing
ASTM F3313-20	Standard Test Method for Determining Impact Attenuation of Playground Surfaces Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment as Tested in the Field
ASTM F3351-19e1	Standard Test Method for Playground Surface Impact Testing in Laboratory at Specified Test Heights

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff attended an ASTM F08.63 subcommittee

meeting and reviewed a ballot.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an ASTM F08.63 playground surfacing subcommittee meeting where ballot results were discussed, potential updates to ASTM F2075, and status of a PFAS toxicity WG. Staff briefed the subcommittee on the update to the *Handbook for Public Playground Safety*.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2025	ASTM F1292	Ballot F08(25-01), items 5 and 6, proposed updates to the title and test methods. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff plans to attend the next ASTM playground surfacing subcommittee meeting in May 2025 and to update the CPSC Public Playground Handbook after consideration of public comments in FY2025.

Pools, Portable Unprotected (Child Drowning)

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM and PHTA (formerly APSP) to revise the voluntary standards to strengthen safety provisions addressing hazards associated with residential drowning in pool products.

#### Staff Contact

Bathalon, Susan

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2666-16(2024)	Standard Specification for Aboveground Portable Pools for Residential Use
ANSI/PHTA/ICC-2 (R2023)	American National Standard for Public Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance
ANSI/APSP/ICC-4- (R2022)	American National Standard for Above- Ground/On-Ground Residential Pools
ANSI/APSP/ICC-5 (R2022)	American National Standard for Residential Inground Swimming Pools
ASTM F3698-24	Standard Specification for Computer-vision Drowning Detection Systems for Residential Swimming Pools

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

On January 22, 2025, the Commission received a petition requesting that the Commission establish a mandatory regulation for child-resistant aboveground and portable pool ladders. The Commission was reviewing the petition at the end of the reporting period.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with stakeholders to improve water safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple meetings with PHTA, ASTM, and other stakeholders in the drowning prevention community.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple PHTA meetings, including the Recreational Water & Air Quality Committee (RWAQC), PHTA-4, Standard Consensus Committee, Model Legislation, and other councils for the US National Water Safety Action Plan. Additionally, staff participated in ASTM F15.60 subcommittee meetings for portable aboveground pools, where child-resistance of pool ladders were discussed. Staff also began developing recommendations for revisions to ASTM F3698. Staff worked to recruit additional participants in these and adjacent activities, such as developing a new standard for neck floats and buoyancy aids.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in upcoming meetings and review upcoming ballots. Staff

will provide recommended revisions to ASTM F3698.

## Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs)

**Purpose** To work with ROHVA and OPEI to develop requirements to address fire

hazards and debris penetration hazards in off-highway vehicles.

Staff Contact Lim, Han

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	American National Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles
	American National Standard for Multipurpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicles

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

NPR Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs) (79 FR 68964), November 19, 2014.

ANPR, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fire and Debris Penetration Hazards (86 FR 25817), May 11, 2021.

NPR, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Debris Penetration Hazards (87 FR 43688), July 21, 2022.

The Commission published a Notice of Availability (NOA) and Request for Comment on CPSC contractor SEA Limited's report "Study of Debris Penetration of Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) Proof-of-Concept (POC) Floorboard Guards" (87 FR 78037), December 21, 2022.

On October 4, 2024, the Commission published a Notice of Availability (NOA) and Request for Comment on the incident data relied upon for the NPR (89 FR 80831). On October 30, 2024, the Commission extended the 30 day-comment period for the NOA an additional 30 days, so that the comment period closed on December 4, 2024 (89 FR 86290).

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with OPEI and ROHVA to develop possible performance standard requirements to address fire and debris

penetration hazards in ROVs.

Meeting(s)

No meetings related to relevant standards or topics took place during the

reporting period

Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will participate in standards meetings, as scheduled.

## Self-Balancing Scooters and Light Electric Vehicles/Micromobility Devices

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM and ULSE to develop a new voluntary standard or revise the existing standards to strengthen the mechanical safety provisions addressing hazards associated with self-balancing scooters, hoverboards, electric-powered scooters and bikes, and other micromobility products for adults.

#### Staff Contact

Mella, Lawrence

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F2641-23	Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Recreational Powered Scooters and Pocket Bikes
ASTM WK57360	Potential new voluntary standard for self- balancing scooters and hoverboards
ASTM WK70724	Potential new voluntary standard for commercial electric-powered scooters for adults
ASTM WK86569	Potential new voluntary standard for self- balancing scooters
ASTM WK88946	Potential new voluntary standard for electric powered balance bikes

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

On March 15, 2024, the Commission published *Electric Bicycles;* Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comments and Information [89 FR 18861] with comments closing May 14, 2024.

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM and ULSE on existing and new safety standards for mechanical hazards associated with micromobility products, such as hoverboards, e-bikes, and self-balancing scooters. During the

reporting period, staff participated in multiple meetings for the ASTM F15.58 subcommittee and task groups. Additionally, staff was developing a draft NPR for Commission consideration.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple ASTM F15.58 subcommittee and task group meetings on brakes, warnings, instructions, labels, and digital acknowledgements for e-scooters. Staff participated in a meeting to discuss whether a separate pocket bike standard should be developed. Staff participated in a meeting for a new effort to create a standard for electric balance bikes.

Communication(s)

Date	Type	Summary
12/7/2023	Letter	Staff provided comments on ASTM ballot F15(23-
		15), item 2.

Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)		
closed	Standard			
December	WK 70724	Ballot F15(23-15), item 2, proposed the New		
2023		Standard Consumer Safety Specification for		
		Commercial Electric-Powered Scooters for		
		Adults. The item was removed from the ballot		
		due to a persuasive negative.		

Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming subcommittee and task group meetings.

#### Sports/Recreational Headgear Sensors/Helmet and Sensors

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to develop and revise helmet and headgear voluntary

standards.

Staff Contact Ota, Greg

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F1446-20	Standard Test Methods for Equipment and Procedures Used in Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Protective Headgear
ASTM F1447-24	Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating
ASTM F2220-23	Standard Specification for Headforms

Standard(s) Update In December 2024, ASTM published ASTM F1447-24 Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating. The revision changed the peak linear acceleration acceptance criteria to 275g.

Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1203 Safety Standard for Bicycle Helmets

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff attended a NOCSAE committee meeting.

Staff attended a NOCSAE committee meeting to monitor activity. Meeting(s)

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

There were no ballots during the reporting period. Ballot(s)

**Next Action** Staff plans to attend the next subcommittee and task group meetings,

as scheduled.

## Swimming Pools/Spas, Drain Entrapment and Safety Vacuum Relief System

**Purpose** To work with PHTA and ASTM to ensure that the voluntary standard and

> the corresponding federal mandatory standard maintain adequate safety levels addressing entrapment hazards and safety vacuum release systems in swimming, pools, wading pools, spas, and hot tubs available to the

general public, as well as products like pool drain covers.

Staff Contact Kempske, Rebekah

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ANSI/APSP/ICC 16- 2017	American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs
ANSI/APSP/ICC-7- 2020	Suction Entrapment Avoidance
ASTM F2387-21	Manufactured Safety Vacuum Release Systems (SVRS) for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

16 CFR part 1450, Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

(VGBA)

**Activities** Summary Staff continues to work with PHTA and ASTM to improve pool and spa safety. During the reporting period, staff participated in multiple PHTA-16

meetings and sent data to the committee.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in meetings with the PHTA-16 Standard Writing

Committee (SWC) to discuss updating the standard. Staff participated in

multiple task group meetings during the reporting period to discuss potential changes such as to non-centrifugal pump requirements and instructions.

#### Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
10/1/2024	Data	Staff provided incident data related to hair
		entrapment.

Ballot(s)

There were no ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will participate in upcoming PHTA meetings.

#### Table Saws

#### **Purpose**

To work with ULSE on revising the voluntary standard to strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards associated with blade-contact injuries from table saws.

#### Staff Contact

Newens, Andrew

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
UL 62841-3-1, 1st	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools,
Edition	Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden
	Machinery – Safety – Part 2-1: Particular
	Requirements for Transportable Table Saws

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

On November 1, 2023, the Commission published a supplemental NPR, Safety Standard Addressing Blade-Contact Injuries on Table Saws [88 FR 74909].

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ULSE to improve the safety of table saws. During the reporting period, staff participated in active injury mitigation system (AIMS) task group meetings and worked on a NOA to publish data relied on for the NPR.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in multiple AIMS task group meetings to discuss the different technologies and what opportunities and challenges exist to establishing potential requirements. However, the AIMS task group voted to discontinue meeting at the January 2025 meeting, with the majority of members concluding that there was no appetite for a requirement that all table saws have AIMS. CPSC staff voted for the task group to continue meeting, but the consensus vote went the other way.

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Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will continue to monitor incident data and recommend safety

improvements.

#### **Tents**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM on developing a voluntary standard to address the

hazards associated with camping tent flammability.

Staff Contact Maling, Emily

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM F3431-21	Standard Specification for Determining Flammability of Materials for Recreational Camping Tents and Warning Labels for Associated Hazards

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with ASTM on developing performance requirements and test methods to evaluate the flammability of recreational camping tents. During the reporting period, staff

participated in an ASTM F08.22 subcommittee meeting and reviewed a

ballot.

Meeting(s) Staff participated in an ASTM F08.22 subcommittee meeting, providing

updates on the tent data from CPSC testing and recommendations for

revisions to the standard.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
March 2025	ASTM F3431	Ballot F08(25-01), items 1 and 2, proposed updates definitions and changes to testing exemptions. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

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Staff will attend subcommittee and task group meetings, as scheduled, and staff will support the development of a potential characterization test, with testing and data analysis.

#### Treadmills

#### **Purpose**

To work with ASTM and ULSE to develop and revise treadmill voluntary standards.

#### Staff Contact

DeGrano, Frederick

## Voluntary Standard(s)

3	Title
current version	
ASTM F2115-19	Standard Specification for Motorized Treadmills
ASTM F1749-15(2020)	Standard Specification for Fitness Equipment and
	Fitness Facility Safety Signage and Labels
ASTM F2276-10(2015)	Standard Specification for Fitness Equipment
UL 1647, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Motor-Operated Massage And Exercise Machines

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

#### Relevant Rule

N/A

## Activities Summary

Staff continues to work with the ASTM F08.30 subcommittee on fitness products to develop requirements in ASTM F2115-19 to address hazards observed in incident data pertaining to treadmills, specifically entrapment of children and other objects underneath the rear roller on an operating treadmill. During the reporting period, staff participated in an a F08.30 subcommittee meeting.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in an F08.30 subcommittee meeting to discuss revisions to the standard, testing criteria, and testing results for entrapment.

#### Communication(s)

There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date	Voluntary	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
closed	Standard	
January 2025	ASTM F2106	Ballot F08.30(24-01), item 1, proposed entrapment requirements. The item was
		unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
January 2025		Ballot F08.30(24-01), item 2, proposed entrapment requirements. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

March 2025	Ballot F08(25-01), item 4, proposed entrapment requirements. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.
March 2025	Ballot F08(25-01), item 5, proposed entrapment requirements. The item was unresolved at the end of the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will participate in the next ASTM subcommittee meeting, when scheduled.

## Codes, Analytical Methods, and Labeling

## **Building Codes**

**Purpose** 

To work with various model building codes to ensure consumer safety considerations and referenced consumer products are included in the standards.

Staff Contact

Ayers, Scott

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
NFPA 30, 2021 Edition	Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code
NFPA 58, 2024 Edition	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
NFPA 70, 2023 Edition	National Electrical Code®
NFPA 72, 2022 Edition	National Fire Alarm Signaling Code®
2024 IFGC	International Fuel Gas Code

Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standards were not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule

N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff participated in ICC ad hoc meetings and international code council hearings, NFPA 30 meetings, and provided the ICC and American Fence Association with recommendations on gate safety.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in several meetings of the ICC ad hoc committee to review code requirements for energy storage systems, including lithium-ion and non-lithium-ion batteries. Staff also participated in NFPA 30 first draft correlating committee and definitions working group.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
3/6/2025	Letter	Staff provided recommendations for gate safety to ICC
		and the American Fence Association gates task group.

Ballot(s) There were no ballots during the reporting period.

**Next Action** Staff will participate in code meetings, as scheduled.

## **Chemical Test Methods**

**Purpose** To work with ASTM to ensure that the listed chemical test methods

referenced in various CPSC test procedures and requirements are

adequately maintained.

Staff Contact Roemer, Matthew

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
ASTM E1645-21	Standard Practice for Preparation of Dried Paint Samples by Hotplate or Microwave Digestion for Subsequent Lead Analysis
ASTM F2617-15(2023)	Standard Test Method for Identification and Quantification of Chromium, Bromine, Cadmium, Mercury, and Lead in Polymeric Material Using Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectrometry
ASTM F2853-10(2023)	Standard Test Method for Determination of Lead in Paint Layers and Similar Coatings or in Substrates and Homogenous Materials by Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry Using Multiple Monochromatic Excitation Beams
ASTM E3193-23	Standard Test Method for Measurement of Lead (Pb) in Dust by Wipe, Paint, and Soil by Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (FAAS)
ASTM E3203-24, -24a	Standard Test Method for Determination of Lead in Dried Paint, Soil, and Wipe Samples by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES)
ASTM D7823-20	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low- Level Phthalates in Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Thermal Desorption—Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry
ASTM D7993-15(2019)	Standard Guide for Analyzing Complex Phthalates
ASTM D8133-23	Standard Test Method for Determination of Low- Level Phthalates in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Solvent Extraction—Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

ASTM F3700-25	Standard Guide for Selecting and Applying
	Analytical Methods to Evaluate PFAS in
	Consumer and Related Products

Standard(s) Update In February 2025, ASTM published the new standard guide ASTM F3700-25 Standard Guide for Selecting and Applying Analytical Methods to Evaluate PFAS in Consumer and Related Products.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary During the reporting period, staff continued working with the ASTM D20.70 subcommittee on analytical methods to review the status of several methods. Additionally, staff participated in several ASTM F15.81 meetings

and provided comments on a ballot.

Meeting(s) Staff attended an ASTM D20.70 subcommittee meetings on Analytical

Methods to discuss the status of various test methods. See *Toys* section for

more information.

Staff participated in multiple ASTM F15.81 meetings to continue

development of a new PFAS guidance document.

Communication(s)

Date	Туре	Summary
11/25/2024	Letter	Staff provided comments on ballot F15.81
		(24-21).

Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
November	ASTM F3700	Ballot ASTM F15.81(24-21) item 1 proposed
2024		a new Standard Guide. The item passed.

**Next Action** 

Staff will participate in upcoming ASTM task group meetings or subcommittee meetings, when scheduled.

#### National Electrical Code

**Purpose** To work with the NFPA to revise the National Electrical Code (NEC), to

strengthen its safety provisions addressing hazards associated with electrical fires, CO poisoning, and shock incidents associated with consumer products, such as household appliances, pools and spas,

generators, electrical equipment, and wiring products.

Staff Contact Miller, Einstein

## Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
NFPA 70, 2023 Edition	National Electrical Code®

## Standard(s) Update

The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

## Relevant Rule

N/A

## Activities Summary

During the reporting period, staff advocated for requirements for ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI) to reduce shock and fire hazards and participated in meetings and ballot review for the second draft of the 2026 NEC.

#### Meeting(s)

Staff participated in several code making panel (CMP) task groups (TG) during the reporting period to review public comments on the first draft of the 2026 NEC including: CMP 2 TG 1 and TG 2, Branch Circuits, and CMP 17 TG 1, Appliances, CMP 17 TG 3, Swimming Pools, Fountains, and Similar Installations. Staff took part in CMP 17 and CMP 2 second draft meetings where staff advocated for GFCI requirements for pool electric heaters and to address unwanted tripping of GFCIs. Staff also supported the expansion of AFCIs to bathroom circuits to mitigate ventilation fan fires.

In support of NEC revisions, staff also participated in a UL 943 meeting to address unwanted tripping of GFCIs. Additionally, staff attended several AFCI interoperability TG meetings.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

#### Ballot(s)

Date closed	Voluntary Standard	Summary and Results (If Applicable)
January 2025	NEC	NFPA issued the final ballot results for CMP 2 panel actions. The ballot results were sent to the Second Draft Correlating Committee for consideration.
January 2025	NEC	NFPA issued the final ballot results for CMP 17 panel actions. The ballot results were sent to the Second Draft Correlating Committee for consideration.
March 2025	2026 NEC/NFPA 70	NFPA issued Second Draft Correlating Committee final ballot results for panel actions related to public comments received. The ballot results correlate to the 2026 edition of the NEC.

**Next Action** 

Staff will continue to participate in the NEC development cycle and related task groups to address fire, shock, CO poisoning and other hazards.

## Warning Signs and Labels (and Ad Hoc Language)

**Purpose** To work with SDOs to develop or enhance warnings, labels, and other

written means not already covered by another tracked voluntary standard,

to convey product safety information to consumers.

Staff Contact Smith, Tim

Voluntary Standard(s)

Designation and current version	Title
	Standard for Product Safety Information in Electronic Media

Standard(s) Update The voluntary standard was not updated during the reporting period.

Relevant Rule N/A

Activities Summary Staff continues to work with NEMA and ASTM to enhance safety warnings for consumer products. During the reporting period, staff participated in

ASTM F15 ad hoc language subcommittee and task groups.

Meeting(s)

Staff participated in ASTM F15 task group meetings focused on warning signs and labels. The ASTM Ad Hoc Language task group is working to develop a resource document that will be used to standardize figure naming or labeling between standards and to identify any other revisions that may be needed.

Communication(s) There were no formal communications during the reporting period.

Ballot(s) There were no relevant ballots during the reporting period.

Next Action

Staff will continue to participate in the ANSI Z535 Committee and subcommittee meetings and will participate in the next ASTM Ad Hoc Language task group meeting, when scheduled.

# **Appendix 1: Organizational Abbreviations**

The list below contains abbreviations for SDOs and other groups related to the standards that staff typically participate in. Some abbreviations below may not be used in the current VSTAR.

AATCC	American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists
AFSL	The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory
AHAM	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
AHFA	American Home Furnishing Alliance
AHRI	Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
ANSI	The American National Standards Institute
APA	American Pyrotechnics Association
APSP	The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (now part of The
	Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, see PHTA)
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning
	Engineers
ASTM	ASTM International
BIFMA	Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturing Associations
CAN	Standards Council of Canada designation for a National Standard
	of Canada
CANENA	Council for Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the
	Nations in the Americas
CSA	CSA Group
	TSC – Technical Subcommittee
	TC – Technical Committee
EN	European Standards
IAPMO	International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
ICC	International Code Council
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
	TAG – Technical Advisory Group
	TC – Technical Committee
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
	CMP – Code Making Panel
	NEC – National Electrical Code
	TIA – Technical Interim Agreement
NFSI	National Floor Safety Institute
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOCSAE	National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic
	Equipment
OPEI	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
PGMA	Portable Generator Manufacturers Association
PHTA	Pool & Hot Tub Alliance
ROHVA	Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SVIA	Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

ULSE	UL Standards and Engagement (formerly Underwriters					
	Laboratories Inc)					
	STP – Standards Technical Panel					
	ORD – Other Recognized Document (pertains to voluntary					
	standards recognized in Canada)					
ULC	ULSE operations in Canada (formerly Underwriters Laboratories					
	of Canada)					
WCMA	Window Covering Manufacturers Association					

# Appendix 2: New or Revised Voluntary Standards Contributing Towards Meeting CPSC 2025KM1.2.1, Published October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Standard	SDO	Date Published	DR	New, Revision, Renewal
ASTM F3699-24 Standard Guide for Certification of Recreation Area Installers	ASTM	10/4/2024	Newens, A	New
ASTM F2417-24 Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles	ASTM	10/10/2024	Ayers, S	Revision
NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code	NFPA	10/25/2024	Lee, Arthur	Revision
UL 2157 5th edition Standard for Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors	UL	10/30/2024	Kim, Y	Revision
ASTM F400-20(2024) Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Lighters	ASTM	11/11/2024	Ayers, S	Renewal
UL 217 10th edition Smoke Alarms	UL	11/27/2024	Lee, A	Revision
UL 2056 Standard for Safety for Power Banks	UL	11/29/2024	Kadiwala, J	New
ASTM F1447-24 Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating	ASTM	12/1/2024	Ota, G	Revision
ASTM F2012-24 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Stationary Activity Centers	ASTM	12/5/2024	Taxier, D	Revision
ASTM F3730-24 Standard Specification for Projectiles Used with Hydrogel Projectile Launchers	ASTM	12/10/2024	Hurley, J	New
ASTM F2641-24 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Recreational Powered Scooters and Pocket Bikes	ASTM	12/18/2024	Mella, L	Revision
ASTM F3741-24 Standard Specification for Hydrogel Projectile Launchers	ASTM	12/19/2024	Hurley, J	New
ASTM F2273-11(2024) Standard Test Methods for Bicycle Forks	ASTM	12/23/2024	Mella, L	Renewal
ASTM F2899-11(2024) Standard Specification for Condition 1 Bicycle Forks	ASTM	12/23/2024	Mella, L	Renewal

ASTM F2274-11(2024) Standard Specification for Condition 3 Bicycle Forks	ASTM	12/23/2024	Mella, L	Renewal
ASTM F3642-24 Standard Specification for Front-Mounted Bicycle Child Carriers (9 kg – 15 kg)	ASTM	1/7/2025	Mella, L	Revision
ASTM F2373-24 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Use Play Equipment for Children 6 Months through 23 Months	ASTM	1/16/2025	Newens, A	Revision
UL 8400 1st edition Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality Technology Equipment	UL	1/17/2025	Harsanyi, S	Revision
UL 62133-1 Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing Alkaline or Other Non-Acid Electrolytes - Safety Requirements for Portable Sealed Secondary Cells, and for Batteries Made from Them, for Use in Portable Applications - Part 1: Nickel Systems	UL	1/28/2025	Kadiwala, J	Revision
ASTM F3084-25 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant and Infant/Toddler Rockers	ASTM	1/28/2025	Foster, Z	Revision
F3700-25 Standard Guide for Selecting and Applying Analytical Methods to Evaluate PFAS in Consumer and Related Products	ASTM	2/5/2025	Roemer, M	New
UL 9540 Energy Storage Systems and Equipment	UL	3/7/2025	Kadiwala, J	Revision
UL 30 Metallic and Nonmetallic Safety Cans for Flammable and Combustible Liquids	UL	3/7/2025	Ayers, S	Revision
UL 9540a Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway Fire Propagation in Battery Energy Storage Systems	UL	3/12/2025	Kadiwala, J	Revision

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