

CPSC Meeting Log

Subject: ASTM F15.29 F1487 Playground Equipment for Public Use Handbook harmonization task group meeting

Date of Meetings: November 10, 2020 at 3PM EST

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Log Entry Source: Kevin Lee (ESMC)

Commission Attendees: Kevin Lee (ESMC)

Non-Commission Attendees: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

Summary of Meeting:

The task group discussed the following:

- The handbook has two different definitions of “toddler” in section 1.6 “background” and 1.8 “definitions”. The task group agreed there should be one consistent definition of a toddler and work with ASTM to find a harmonized language.
- Clarify the definition of a “trampoline”. The task group questioned whether a bouncer or low rebound device would be considered a trampoline. CPSC staff reiterated we are not in favor of trampolines on the playground and ask the F381 trampoline subcommittee if these products fall in their scope.
- Section 5.3.2.1.5 of the handbook does not recommend that climbers have rigid structure components in the interior of the climber. The task group requested clarification on how to interpret “interior of a climber” and how to measure the 18-inch dimension referenced in the handbook. CPSC staff suggested a line drawing as a solution, which the task group agreed would be helpful.
- Table 2 of the handbook provides the “minimum compressed loose-fill surfacing depths”. The task group believes the table is out of date and should include Engineering Wood Fiber since that is one of the most common playground surfaces, or CPSC should remove the table. CPSC staff stated removing the table should be avoided as it is a reference for various types of playground surfacing and updating the table is a better option.