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SUBJECT: WCMA Task Group Meeting on window covering cords

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LOCATION: WCMA Headquarters, New York, NY

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Caroleene Paul, ESME

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Carolynn Jennings	WCMA
Tom Marusak	Comfortex
Barbara Miller	Sumner Rider & Associates
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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff and subcommittee members reviewed 16 fatal blind cord IDIs that occurred in 2003. Pertinent information regarding product type, components involved, causation, and design solutions were discussed. Consensus agreement was reached and the information will be recorded in the database developed for analysis of blind cord incidents.

Of particular interest are 2 incidents where the child wrapped a cord around his/her neck, and 1 incident where the child pulled the inner cord out by pulling the bottom rail up. These incidents are examples of the hazard posed by any long cord and the ability for a loop to form in the inner cord from both directions (up and down pull). These issues will be presented to the full committee for discussion.

Next Action

- present findings to full committee

Next Meeting

January 27, 2005 in Los Angeles, CA