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LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.44 for Playground Equipment for Children Under Two Years.

DATE OF MEETING: September 18-19, 1997

PLACE: ASTM Headquarters
W. Conshohocken, PA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Betsy Caesar, Playcare
Scott Burton, Safety Play
Ted Illges, Woodcarpet
Robert Keller, Keller Assoc., Inc.
Marcia Rogers, Consumer
Donna Thompson, Univ. of N. Iowa

Pat Benvenuto, UCPA
Dave Hommel, Bird-In-Hand Woodworks
Tom Mazurek, Fisher-Price
Michael Mullins, Children's Factory
Larry Steingraber, BCI Burke Co.
William Weisz, Playground Environments

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

After reports were given by others involved in playground safety, the chairman summarized a conference call in which she had participated with some other ASTM committee persons who were concerned that there may be some overlap in the activities of the ASTM F15.44 subcommittee and other ASTM subcommittees. A summary of the issues and resolutions in that call were handed out.

The subcommittee reviewed a summary of incident data involving children under two years of age that had been produced by National Program for Playground Safety from data obtained from CPSC. John Preston was asked to forward hard copies of In-Depth Investigation reports from 1991 to the present involving children under two years to the subcommittee chairman.

In a discussion on surfacing for indoor playgrounds it was noted that there was an existing ASTM standard for Tumbling Mats. In a discussion on appropriate equipment, it was agreed that manufacturer's catalogs would be reviewed to determine what products were being offered for children under two years.

A videotape of a controlled study of children exposed to tripping hazards was shown. For the most part, children did not appear to trip on objects that were initially perceived as being tripping hazards.

A memo from Marcia Rogers was distributed to which was attached a list of definitions and test methods she had taken from other standards for children's products.

The next meeting was scheduled for one day only on December 5, 1997 in Orlando, FL.