

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Restraint Systems on Mobile Amusement Rides

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DATE OF MEETING: 17 March 2004 (9:30 a.m.)
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith
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LOCATION: Rm. 612
CPSC ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Jason Goldsmith (HS)
NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Kathy Fackler (Saferparks), Jim Seay (Premier Rides), Sean Oberle (Product Safety Letter)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Ms. Kathy Fackler of Saferparks requested this meeting to discuss the CPSC staff's new project on Restraint Systems for Mobile Amusement Rides. The meeting began with Ms. Fackler explaining that she had requested the meeting to better understand the intent of the CPSC staff's project. Mr. Smith then summarized the intent of the project: To review incidents involving potential restraint failures on mobile amusement rides to determine whether more detailed or focused research, or revisions to the applicable voluntary standards, may be necessary to improve the safety of these rides. In response to questions from the attendees, Mr. Smith clarified that child behavioral issues could be relevant to the project since the staff is aware of some young children's attempts to escape restraints on other products, such as strollers. Mr. Smith also explained that the project could only address new-production rides, and that existing rides (i.e., those already on the market) could only be addressed by the CPSC through action by the CPSC Office of Compliance.