

March 22, 2007

**ICC Code Technology Committee**

**Child Window Safety Study Group**

**Staff Teleconference Notes**

**March 15, 2007**

Chair Collins initiated the teleconference at approximately 9:00 am Central on March 15, 2007.

Members present: Collins (Preview Group, AIA,CTC), Kothe (NAHB, CTC), Jewell (City of Southfield, MI), Ruth (AAMA), Sealy (Architect)

Interested parties present: Heilstedt (CTC), Inks (NAHB)

Staff present: Pfeiffer

Chair Collins followed up to the end of last call by opening the discussion relative to the direction the SG is going. At the end of the last call, the direction was one of securing in-place/as-built information of window types, locations and configurations. Collins looked to see if this was the consensus of the group as to the most productive direction.

Discussion:

- Accident data more relevant than as-builts
- Accident data, as noted by the climbable guards effort, is inconclusive. No specific cause and effect.
- Continuing to gather accident data may not also not yield conclusive results
- Accidents cited where the window height was 34” -36” in single family and 38” in multi-family and children fell through the window due to climbing of furniture and/or other things in the room

SG was in general agreement that the group should re-focus away from gathering as-built information

This led to a discussion on emergency escape and rescue openings. It was noted that no one seems to have a copy of the 1970’s San Diego study which was the genesis of the current size requirements in the code.

As far as window size, the SG talked about windows which have latch devices which restricts the opening size to around 4” inches. Julie Ruth to investigate the types of windows which have these features and how they operate.

Next telecom: April 13<sup>th</sup> @9:00 am central

Action items

- Inks indicated that there is a HUD survey of housing that he recalls. He will locate and forward to the group
- Ruth to locate information on windows with restraining latches

Teleconference adjourned at 10: 00 am