

May 25, 2007

ICC Code Technology Committee
Child Window Safety Study Group
Staff Teleconference Notes

May 17, 2007

Chair Collins initiated the teleconference at approximately 9:00 am Central on May 17, 2007.

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

Interested parties present: Inks (NAHB), Mazz (Access Board)

Staff present: Pfeiffer

The discussion was started with a question of mitigation strategy: Screens or latches?

In opposition to mitigating the hazard with screens, it was noted that such screens are currently not produced. If designed to withstand the force necessary, the screen would in all likelihood be very unattractive and thus replaced. With this, the group focused on the use of latches as the mitigation strategy.

Among the issues noted:

- Regardless of the type of device, it would need to be engaged with human intervention
- Impact of EER openings due to potential need for special knowledge to operate the latch?
- Liability issues to the window manufacturer?
- In order to be effective, it can't be operated by a child. This may also inadvertently impact use by people with disabilities
- Nothing is 100% effective in prohibiting falls. As such the terminology should reflect this. Stay away from calling the latch a: "Child window safety latch" or a "Child proof latch".

AAMA and WDMA have solicited input from their members. AAMA developed a list of issues which was distributed to the group. The group discussed responses to the issues noted and asked Wayne to summarize them and forward to the group. Mike Fischer developed a potential code change and distributed it to the group.

Action items:

- Wayne to summarize response to AAMA points and forward to staff for distribution
- Mike Fischer to re-draft the proposal and forward to staff for distribution

Next conference calls:

- June 5th @ 3:00 pm Central
- June 15th @ 9:00 am Central

The conference call adjourned at approximately 10:05 am.