It Starts with a Good Standard

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Overview

- Agenda
  - The role of ASTM International
  - Federal regulations and consensus standards
  - Standards development – the value of consensus
  - What can the SDO do?
  - One year from now
ASTM International

- Developer of consensus standards
  - 34,000 members/12,500 standards
  - 140 main technical committees
  - 90 industry sectors
- Proven process
- Funded primarily by sale of technical publications
- No testing, accreditation or certification services
Federal Regulations and Consensus Standards

- Federal Regulations support private sector standards development
  - National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act
  - Consumer Product Safety Act

- Regulation or Consensus Standards?
  - Infant walkers example

- Public/Private Partnership – rely upon consensus standards in Regulation
Value Added by Consensus Process

- Direct engagement
- Inclusiveness
  - Openness, transparency, connectivity
- Due process
- Technical credibility and market relevance
- Responsiveness
  - Commitment/participation of members
  - Mission focus
  - Experience
  - Technology investment
What can the SDO do?

- Know the goal, constitute the right team and plan, provide needed resources
  - Engage diversity of stakeholders
  - Strengthen participation of consumer and consumer related organizations
  - Review data and other relevant resources
  - Invest in standards development tools and resources
  - Enhance communication regarding standards actions and work in process
  - Standards education
One Year From Now

- Additional stakeholder participation
- Additional use of technology to support participation
- Additional CPSC resources
- Increased review of data by standards development committees
- If Regulation is required, reliance on consensus standards
  - Streamlined process for agencies to adopt revisions to standards
- Increased communication – Alert services/RSS feeds