Section A. Background

On October 20, 1999, the Commission issued its final Rule 1 pursuant to the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq, which became effective on April 21, 2000.2 On December 19, 2012, the Commission amended the Rule, and these amendments became effective on July 1, 2013.3 The Rule requires certain website operators, among other things, to post privacy policies, provide notice, and obtain verifiable parental consent, prior to collecting, using, or disclosing personal information from children under the age of 13. The Rule enumerates methods for obtaining verifiable parental consent, while also allowing interested parties to file a written request for Commission approval of parental consent methods not currently enumerated.4 To be considered, parties must submit a detailed description of the proposed parental consent method, together with an analysis of how the method meets the requirements for parental consent described in 16 CFR 312.5(b)(1). Pursuant to 16 CFR 312.12(a), the ESRB group has submitted a proposed parental consent method to the Commission for approval. The ESRB group proposes a consent mechanism that uses facial age estimation technology, which analyzes the geometry of the consenting person’s face to confirm the person is an adult. The full text of its application is available on the Commission’s website at https://www.ftc.gov and on the docket for this project at https://www.regulations.gov.

Section B. Questions on the Parental Consent Method

The Commission is seeking comment on the proposed parental consent method and is particularly interested in receiving comment on the questions that follow. These questions are designed to assist the Commission’s consideration of the application and should not be construed as a limitation on the issues on which public comment may be submitted. Responses to these questions should cite the number of the question being answered. For all comments submitted, please provide any data, statistics, or any other evidence, upon which those comments are based.

1. Is this method already covered by existing methods enumerated in 16 CFR 312.5(b)(2)?
2. If this is a new method, provide comments on whether the proposed parental consent method meets the requirements for parental consent laid out in 16 CFR 312.5(b)(1). Specifically, the Commission is looking for comments on whether the proposed parental consent method is reasonably calculated, considering available technology, to ensure that the person providing consent is the child’s parent.

3. Does this proposed method pose a risk to consumers’ personal information, including consumers’ biometric information? If so, is that risk outweighed by the benefit to consumers and businesses of using this method?

4. Does this proposed method pose a risk of disproportionate error rates or other outcomes for particular demographic groups? If so, is that risk outweighed by the benefit to consumers and businesses of using this method?

Section C. Invitation to Comment

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the Commission to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before August 21, 2023. Write “Application for Parental Consent Method, Project No. P235402” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including the https://www.regulations.gov website. Because of the agency’s heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission is subject to delay. We strongly encourage you to submit your comments online through the https://www.regulations.gov website. To make sure the Commission considers your online comment, please follow the instructions on the web-based form.

If you file your comment on paper, write “Application for Parental Consent Method, Project No. P235402” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC–5610 (Annex P), Washington, DC 20580.

Because your comment will be placed on the publicly accessible website at https://www.regulations.gov, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else’s Social Security number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your

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1 64 FR 59888 (1999).
2 16 CFR part 312.
3 78 FR 3972 (2013).
4 16 CFR 312.12(a); 78 FR at 3991–3992, 4013.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1926
RIN 1218–AD25

Personal Protective Equipment in Construction

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA is proposing to revise its personal protective equipment standard in construction to explicitly require that the equipment must fit properly. The agency requests comments regarding the proposed revision.

DATES: Submit comments and attachments, as well as hearing requests and other information, by September 18, 2023. All submissions must provide evidence of the submission date. (See the following section titled ADDRESSES for instructions on making submissions.)

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted as follows:

Written comments: You may submit comments and attachments, as well as hearing requests and other information, identified by OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2019–0003, electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Instructions: All submissions must include the agency’s name and docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA–2019–0003). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Docket: To read or download comments or other information in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov. All comments and submissions are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through that website. All comments and submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2500 (TDY number 877–889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Citation Method

In the docket for the personal protective equipment in construction rulemaking, found at http://www.regulations.gov, every submission was assigned a document identification (ID) number that consists of the docket number (OSHA–2019–0003) followed by an additional four-digit number (e.g., OSHA–2019–0003–0002). In this notice of proposed rulemaking, citations to items in the docket are referenced by author or title and date, where appropriate. This information can be used to search for a supporting document in the docket at http://www.regulations.gov. For example, the citation for the OSHA Publication Personal Protective Equipment is (Personal Protective Equipment, OSHA 3151–12R, 2004). Some citations include one or more attachments (see, e.g., NABTU, January 5, 2017, Attachment 1). When citing exhibits in the docket, OSHA references the author or title of the document, the date, the attachment number or other attachment identifier, if necessary for clarity, and page numbers (designated “p.”). In a citation that contains two or more documents, the citations are separated by semicolons. OSHA may also cite items that appear in another docket. When that is the case, OSHA includes the full document ID number for the corresponding docket (e.g., OSHA–2010–0034–4247).

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