



Safe Sleep Tips

A crib is the most important safety equipment parents obtain for their new baby. ***Safety is the primary role of the crib*** or other sleep environments. ***Use the following tips and guidelines to protect children*** from dangerous sleeping environments.

Choosing a crib

A crib made before 1999 will not meet current safety standards. Even a newer used crib might have missing hardware or loose parts, or be subject to a recall. Do not use a crib made prior to 1999. If you are using a crib that has been used before -- by you, a friend or that you bought used -- check it carefully against the recall list at www.cpsc.gov and only use if you have the instructions and all parts and it goes together snugly with no loose parts. We recommend against using a used drop-side crib.

Check ALL cribs for:

- Slats that are too far apart and might entrap a child (if a soda can fits, it is too wide)
- Corner post extensions that can catch on a child's clothing or toys
- Hardware (screws and bolts) which secure crib components are not loose or missing
- Crib is free of protruding rivets, metal nuts or bolts, knobs, and wing nuts
- Mattress is tight-fitting; 2 fingers cannot fit between the mattress and crib's side
- Joints and parts fit tightly, and wood is smooth and free of splinters
- There is no cracked or peeling paint, and all painted surfaces are lead-free
- Drop side rails lock properly and securely when in raised position

Using a crib safely

- Read and follow carefully the directions for set up and use of the crib. Replacement instructions can be obtained from the manufacturer
- Remove soft bedding such as pillows, sleep positioners, blankets, bumper pads, and stuffed toys
- Use sheets that are tight-fitting
- Check often that mattress support hangers and other hardware is secure and working properly
- Position mobiles out of child's reach and remove when child starts to push up
- Never hang anything on or above the crib with ribbon or string
- Drop mattress to the lowest position when child can pull themselves up
- Stop using a crib with loose or missing parts or hardware and contact the manufacturer.

Safe Sleeping

- The safest sleep environment is a safe crib with a tight-fitting mattress and sheet with nothing inside but the baby.
- Soft materials, such as pillows or comforters, should not be placed under a sleeping infant.
- Keep soft objects and loose bedding, including crib bumpers, out of the crib.
- Babies should sleep near the caregiver, but in a separate sleeping environment.
- The infant should be lightly clothed for sleep. Avoid over-bundling. Use a blanket sleeper if needed to keep blankets or other coverings out of the crib.
- Avoid commercial devices marketed to reduce the risk of SIDS, including sleep positioners. Do not use home monitors (since) there is no evidence that monitors reduce its frequency.



What to do in the event of a crib recall:

Sign up for recall notices and check your crib regularly at www.cpsc.gov. Recalls are listed by manufacturer, which might not be the name you recognize.

- **Check** the model/make against those listed. Follow the instructions to get a repair kit, refund or new crib.
- **Report** any problems with your crib or the recall process to CPSC at www.CPSC.gov.
- **Alert others** who might be using the product.

Some recent recalls: Visit CPSC.gov for more information and recalls

Delta Enterprise Drop-Side Cribs (1,585,000 units)

- **Two Recalls Issued:** 10/21/08
- **Defect:** 985,000 cribs have [safety pegs](#) that fall out or and 600,000 cribs have [spring pegs](#) that malfunction.
- **Remedy:** Contact www.CribRecallCenter.com or call (800-816-5304) for a free replacement kit.



Simplicity Drop Side [Cribs](#) (2,000,000 units)

- **Recalls Issued:** 9/21/07, 9/27/08, 7/02/09
- **Defect:** The drop-side can detach, creating a dangerous gap. All Simplicity drop side cribs have been recalled.
- **Remedy:** Return the recalled crib to the place of purchase for a refund or store credit.



Simplicity [Bassinets](#) (Also sold as Graco and “Winnie-the-Pooh” brands) (900,000 units)

- **Recall Issued:** 8/27/08
- **Defect:** Fabric on side of bassinet can create a dangerous gap between the mattress and lower bar.
- **Remedy:** See notice at CPSC.gov for list of participating retailers for a refund or store credit for returns.



Kolcraft Play [Yards](#) (1,000,000 units)

- **Recall Issued:** 9/27/07, 7/08/09
- **Defect:** All recalled for collapsing side rail. Some also for changing table strap and cradle hazard.
- **Remedy:** Call Kolcraft at (888) 655-8484, or visit the firm's Web site at www.kolcraft.com for replacement parts.



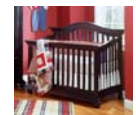
Jardine [Cribs](#) (482,450 units)

- **Recalls Issued:** 6/24/08, 1/6/09 and 4/30/09
- **Defect:** The slats can break, some even have been broken by the baby in the crib.
- **Remedy:** Contact Jardine at (800) 646-4106 or visit www.jardinecribreCALL.com for a voucher for a new crib.



Munire [Cribs](#) and Furniture (9,000 units)

- **Recall Issued:** 12/23/08
- **Defect:** lead paint, leading to poisoning of a child
- **Remedy:** Contact Munire at (866) 586-9639 or visit www.munirefurniture.com for a voucher for a new crib.



Stork Craft [Cribs](#) (2.1 million units)

- **Recall Issued:** 01/13/09, 11/23/09
- **Defect:** mattress supports can fail, AND drop-side hardware can fail, posing entrapment & suffocation risk
- **Remedy:** Contact Stork Craft at (866) 361-3321 or www.storkcraft.com to order the free replacement kits



Fisher Price Rainforest [Play Yards](#) (200,000 units manufactured by Simplicity & SFCA)

- **Recall Issued:** 01/15/09
- **Defect:** Side rails can collapse: CPSC has 1,350 reports of failure.
- **Remedy:** Contact Fisher Price at (800) 432-5437 or <http://www.service.mattel.com> for a refund



Simplicity [Play Yards](#) (25,000 units)

- **Recall Issued:** 04/07/09
- **Defect:** Side rails can collapse: CPSC has 5 reports of failure.
- **Remedy:** Stop using and return to place of purchase for refund or replacement



LaJobi [Cribs](#) (4,900 units)

- **Two Recalls Issued:** 06/09/09
- **Defect:** Bonavita Cabana crib [slats](#) can break and Bonavita Hudson and Babi Italia Pinehurst [dropsides](#) can fail.
- **Remedy:** Contact LaJobi (866) 688-9009 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.LaJobi.com for repair kits.

