

## Stop! Is your donation safe?



Each year, tens of thousands of children are injured and more than 80 children die in incidents associated with nursery products. Children's products are recalled as often as twice a week. Yet information about the recalls rarely reaches parents and caregivers. This means that millions of dangerous recalled products are still in use — maybe even yours. In addition, new strong crib standards mean older cribs are obsolete and can be dangerous. Don't pass this danger on to other families. **Help keep kids safe.**

### Safety checklist for donating children's products

- Before making your donation, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) online at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) to be sure your products have not been recalled and meet current safety standards. For car seats, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).
- Do not donate items that are broken or missing pieces.
- Do not donate cribs that do not meet current safety standards. As of June 28, 2011, it is illegal to sell or donate cribs that don't meet the new tough standard. If your crib was bought before that, don't donate it.
- Do not donate baby bath seats, baby walkers, crib bumper pads or sleep positioners as these are not safe for use.
- Never donate a car seat or bike helmet that has been involved in a crash as it won't protect adequately in the next one. Car seats older than five years should not be donated or resold.
- Include manufacturer information, instructions, and product registration cards with donations, when possible. These are available for download from the manufacturer's website. This is very important with nursery products as a missing screw or misassembled products can cause a fatal entrapment hazard.
- Remove ties on clothing such as hooded sweatshirts as these can cause strangulation.
- Locking devices, latches, brakes, hardware, and safety restraints should be checked on all items.
- Sign up on the CPSC [website](http://www.cpsc.gov) to receive e-mail alerts about product recalls.

### Tips for keeping your children safe

- Report a product to [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov) if you have reason to believe a product is dangerous. It is only through consumer complaints that many dangerous products have been removed from the market.
- Tell friends, childcare providers, and relatives to take similar measures against recalled products and exercise caution with secondhand products.
- Visit [KidsInDanger.org](http://KidsInDanger.org) for more information and to receive monthly recall email alerts and product safety news updates.