

What You Need To Know 5 Federal Requirements about Cribs

- Traditional drop-side cribs can no longer be made or sold; immobilizers and repair kits are not allowed.
- Wood slats must be made of stronger material to prevent breakage.
- Crib hardware must have anti-loosening devices to keep it from coming loose or falling off.
- Mattress supports must be more durable.
- Safety testing must be more rigorous.

Improved
Slat
Strength

As of June 28, 2011, all cribs sold in the United States must meet updated requirements for overall crib safety.

Improved
Mattress
Support
Durability

Making sure your little ones are safe and sound.

- To address these deadly hazards, all homes, child care facilities, family child care settings, and places of public accommodation must replace their current cribs with the updated regulations for safe cribs.
- Noncompliant cribs should not be resold, donated or given away. Consider repurposing!

Stronger
Hardware

Required
Tougher
Testing

Prohibited
Traditional
Drop Sides



Why the need for this change in standards?

- Rules and regulations are in place to improve the quality of cribs and make them safer for babies.
- Cribs on the market today prohibit drop-side rail cribs, have stronger slats and mattress supports, better quality hardware, and undergo more safety testing.
- Babies are small, so it is important that your crib slats are no more than 2 3/8 inches apart.
- The mattress and the side of the crib should have a tight fit. No more than two fingers should fit between them.
- Avoid any holes, tears, and shape cutouts.
- Avoid any bed accessories such as pillows, thick blankets, loosely fitted sheets and stuffed animals.
- Once the crib is assembled, give it a firm shake to ensure all bolts and screws are tightly secured.
- To help ensure a safe place for your baby, follow the crib safety checklist.



See back page for crib and playard checklist.

While the family crib may not provide a safe sleeping environment for your baby, you don't have to throw it out. Be creative!

Take that crib and make it into something that can be used for another purpose in your home.



Crib Safety Checklist

- ☐ Are the crib slates more than 2 3/8 inches apart?
- ☐ Can you fit more than 2 fingers between the edge of the mattress and the side of the crib?
- ☐ Are the corner posts higher than 1/16 of an inch?
- ☐ Are there any cutouts in the head or footboard?
- ☐ Can the drop latches be easily released by a child?
- ☐ Are the screws and bolts that hold the crib together loose?
- ☐ Are loose fitting crib sheets being used?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, your crib or playard isn't as safe as it could be.

Playard Safety Checklist

- ☐ Is the mesh weave greater than 1/4 of an inch?
- ☐ Are there tears, holes or loose threads on the mesh?
- ☐ Is the mesh loose that secures the top rail and floor plates?
- ☐ Are there any tears or holes on the top rail cover?
- ☐ Is a soft pillow, comforter or soft bedding provided?

Crib Repurposing



How to use a family crib that doesn't meet safety standards.

**SAFE
KIDS**
GRAND FORKS