

# south dakota INFANT DEATH review



FROM 2015 – 2019

**145** **BABIES DIED**  
IN SOUTH DAKOTA AFTER  
HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

AMONG THE 145 DEATHS AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

70%

**99**

**SLEEP  
RELATED  
DEATHS**

**42** **NOT SLEEP  
RELATED  
DEATHS**

**4** **UNKNOWN  
DEATHS\*\***

OF THE 99 SLEEP RELATED DEATHS

52%

**50**

**BABIES IN  
ADULT BED**

**16**

**BABIES IN  
CRIB**

**12**

**BABIES ON  
COUCH**

**19**

**OTHER\***

**2**

**NOT  
REPORTED\*\***

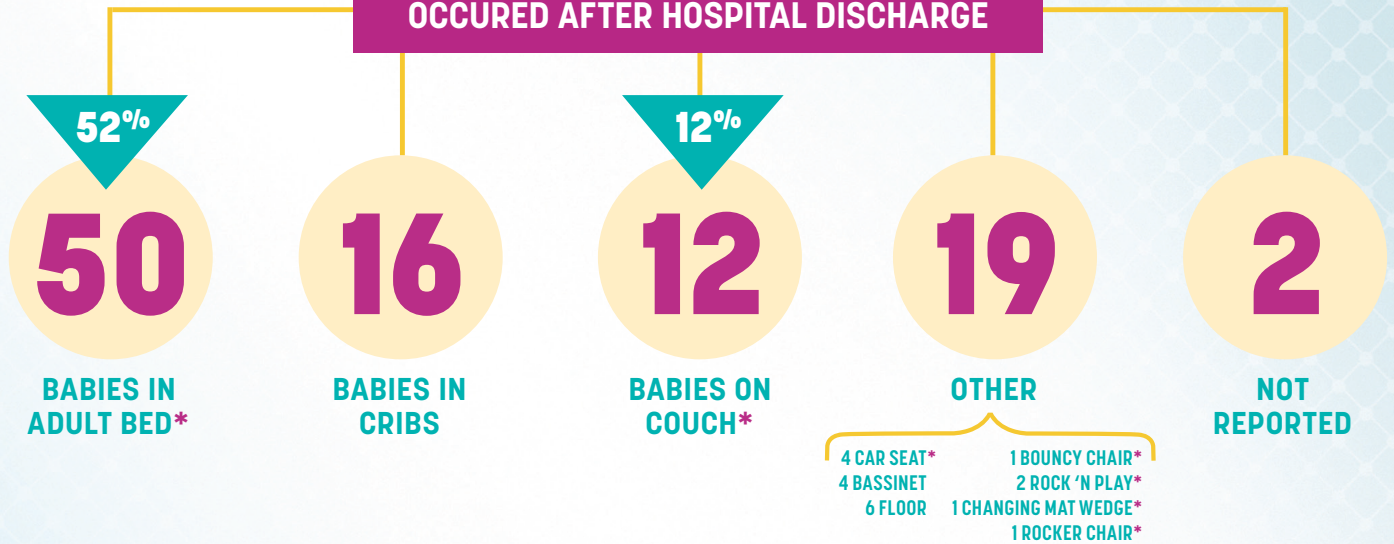
\*OTHER: 4 car seat, 4 bassinet, 1 bouncy chair, 6 floor, 2 Rock 'n Play, 1 changing mat wedge, 1 rocker chair. Data from: Infant Death Review, South Dakota 2015-2019.

\*\* UNKNOWN DEATHS (whether sleep-related or not) and NOT REPORTED: Not included in the denominator for percentage calculations.



# safe sleep practices CAN SAVE LIVES!

WHERE 99 SLEEP RELATED INFANT DEATHS OCCURED AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE



**7 OUT OF 10** INFANT DEATHS OCCURRED IN AN UNSAFE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.

## what can we DO?



This is what safe sleep looks like

- 1 American Academy of Pediatrics' "Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment" should be distributed to healthcare workers who should discuss the recommendations with parents of newborns before discharge from the hospital: [ForBabySakeSD.com/training/healthcare-provider-training](http://ForBabySakeSD.com/training/healthcare-provider-training)
- 2 Every infant in South Dakota should have a safe place to sleep. If a family is unable to afford an approved crib, contact the South Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-305-3064.
- 3 Infants should be placed on a firm sleep surface (e.g., mattress in a safety-approved crib) covered by a fitted sheet with no other bedding, bumper pads, or soft objects to reduce the risk of suffocation and SIDS.
- 4 Infants should sleep in parents' room, close to the parents' bed, but on a separate surface designated for infants, ideally for the first year, but at least for the first six months of life.
- 5 Soft objects and loose bedding should be kept away from infant's sleep area to reduce risk of SIDS, suffocation, entrapment and strangulation.



\*Unsafe sleep environment Data from: Infant Death Review, South Dakota 2015-2019. 200 copies of this document were printed by the SD Department of Health at a cost of 27¢ each.