

Crib Safety Tips

CHECK YOUR CRIB FOR SAFETY

There should be:

- A firm, tight-fitting mattress so a baby cannot get trapped between the mattress and the crib (*gap should be <2 fingers wide*).
- No missing, loose, broken or improperly installed screws, brackets or other hardware on the crib or mattress support.
- No more than 2 3/8 inches (about the width of a soda can) between crib slats so a baby's body cannot fit through the slats; no missing or cracked slats.
- No corner posts over 1/16th inch high so a baby's clothing cannot catch.
- No cutouts in the headboard or foot board so a baby's head cannot get trapped.
- No drop down sides.
- Cribs that are incorrectly assembled, have missing, loose or broken hardware or broken slats can result in entrapment or suffocation death. Infants can become strangulated when their head and neck become entrapped in gaps created by missing, loose or broken hardware or broken slats.



PORTABLE CRIBS OR PLAY YARDS

Look for:

- Mesh less than 1/4 inch in size, smaller than the tiny buttons on a baby's clothing.
- Mesh with no tears, holes or loose threads that could entangle a baby.
- Mesh securely attached to top rail and floor plate.
- Top rail cover with no tears or holes.
- If staples are used, they are not missing, loose or exposed.
- Sides that lock securely when in the upright position.
- Use only the mattress that came with the unit.
Mattress should be covered with a tight fitting sheet.