

South Dakota INFANT DEATH review



FROM 2016–2020

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

AMONG THE 141 DEATHS AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

69%

95

**SLEEP
RELATED
DEATHS**

43

**NOT SLEEP
RELATED
DEATHS**

3

**UNKNOWN
DEATHS****

OF THE 95 SLEEP RELATED DEATHS

58%

55

**BABIES IN
ADULT BED**

11

**BABIES IN
CRIB**

10

**BABIES ON
COUCH**

19

OTHER*

0

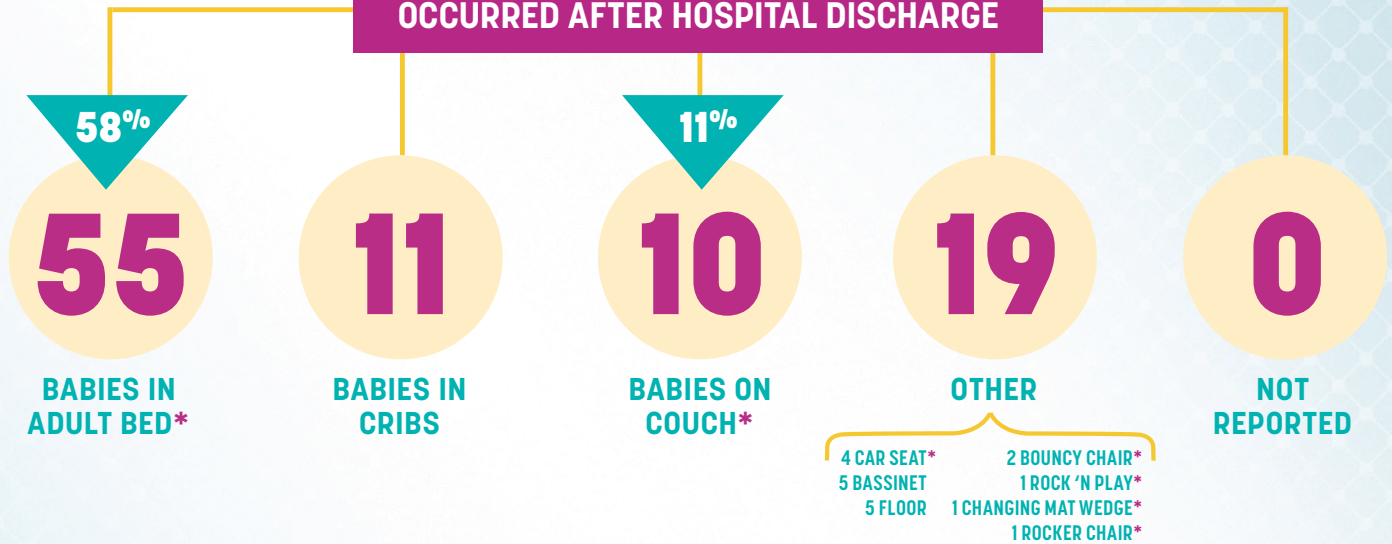
**NOT
REPORTED****

*OTHER: 4 car seat, 5 bassinet, 2 bouncy chair, 5 floor, 1 Rock 'n Play, 1 changing mat wedge, 1 rocker chair. Data from: Infant Death Review, South Dakota 2016-2020.

** 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 95 SLEEP RELATED INFANT DEATHS OCCURRED AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE



NEARLY 8 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
- 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 2016-2020. 200 copies of this document were printed by the SD Department of Health at a cost of 27¢ each.