

The Safe Nursery

No missing or broken slats. This prevents a baby from getting trapped between the broken crib parts, causing possible suffocation or strangulation.

No corner posts over

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$\frac{1}{16}$ inch high. This prevents a baby's clothing from catching on the post— a strangulation risk.

No cut-out designs in the headboard or footboard. This prevents entrapment.

No missing or broken crib hardware.

Slats no more than 2

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$\frac{3}{8}$ inches apart (so a soda can won't fit through the slats). This prevents a baby's body from slipping through the slats and possibly entrapping her head.

A firm, tight-fitting mattress. This prevents a baby from becoming trapped between the mattress and side of the crib.

Crib Notes: Whether you use a new or used crib, check it for the following things:

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BRIGHT IDEAS FOR KEEPING YOUR BABY'S NURSERY SAFE

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www.babiesrus.com

Pampers.com

Always put your baby to sleep on his or her back in a safe crib. Remove all soft bedding from the crib to reduce the risk of suffocation. Remove all pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, and other pillow-like soft products from the crib until your baby is a year old. If using a blanket, be sure to tuck it around the crib mattress, allowing it to reach only as far as the baby's chest. Make sure your baby's head remains uncovered during sleep.

Never leave a baby unattended on a changing table, and, as with infant carriers, high chairs and strollers, always use the safety straps. This will help prevent falls and other serious injuries to your baby. All needed items should be within reach.

Position cribs away from window blind cords, remove drawstrings from children's clothing, and don't put strings on pacifiers. These can be strangulation hazards for your baby. Look for clothing with other types of fasteners like buttons, snaps, zippers or Velcro. Cut the loops of blind and drapery cords and use safety tassels.

Remove crib gyms and mobiles from the crib when your baby begins to push up on hands and knees. No strings or cords should dangle into the crib.

Keep balloons and toys with small parts away from your baby to help prevent choking and suffocation.

Any item smaller than the head of this rattle (1.68" diameter) is a choking hazard.

Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home.

This will help keep your baby and family safe from fire and CO poisoning.

Remember to change the batteries regularly.

Consider using angle

braces or anchors to secure furniture to the wall.

Use safety latches on lower drawers and cabinet doors to ensure they are not opened by children. You may want to use a baby monitor to keep your baby within earshot.

Safety-proof your home with baby gates, safety latches, and outlet covers.

You'll be safeguarding your baby from falls, poisonings, and electrocution.

our love and attention are what your baby needs most. That's why you should be sure your home and the things you buy and receive for your baby are safe. This brochure will help you create a safe and sound nursery for your baby.