

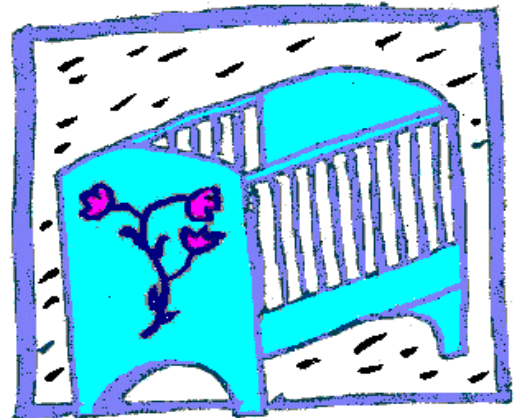
# CRIB SAFETY TIPS

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## Use Your Crib Safely

For infants less than 12 months of age, follow these practices to reduce the risk of SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome) and prevent suffocation:

- A** Place baby on his/her back in a crib with a firm, tight-fitting mattress.
- A** Do not put pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, pillow-like bumper pads or pillow-like stuffed toys in the crib.
- A** Consider using a sleeper instead of a blanket.
- A** If you do use a blanket, place baby with feet to foot of the crib. Tuck a thin blanket around the crib mattress, covering baby only as high as his/her chest.
- A** Use only a fitted bottom sheet made specifically for crib use.



## Check Your Crib for Safety

There should be:

- A** A firm, tight-fitting mattress so baby can't get trapped between the mattress and the crib.
- A** No missing, loose, broken or improperly installed screws, brackets, or other hardware on the crib or mattress support.
- A** No more than 2 3/8 inches (about the width of a soda can) between the crib slats so a baby's body can't fit through the slats; no missing or cracked slats.
- A** No corner posts over 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch high so a baby's clothing can't catch.
- A** No cutouts in the headboard or foot board so a baby's head can't get trapped.

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For mesh-sided cribs and playpens, look for:

- Æ** Mesh less than ¼ inch in size, smaller than the tiny buttons on a baby's clothing.
- Æ** Mesh with no tears, holes or loose threads that could entangle a baby.
- Æ** Mesh securely attached to the top rail and floor plate.
- Æ** Top rail cover with no tears or holes.
- Æ** If staples are used, they are not missing, loose or exposed.

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