

# Consumer Product Safety Alert

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## Strings, Cords, and Necklaces Can Strangle Infants

Strings, cords, necklaces, and other items tied around the neck can strangle infants. In recent years, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has received reports of two to three deaths annually to children under two years old who were strangled by strings, cords, ribbons, or necklaces around their necks. Most of the deaths involved pacifiers tied around the child's neck. Many of the others involved necklaces. Usually, the string, cord, or necklace became caught on some product such as a crib or playpen. In other cases, the string or cord became tightly wrapped or twisted around the child's neck.

Never tie pacifiers, necklaces, toys, or other items around a child's neck. Never leave cords of any kind near an infant. Take off bibs or other clothing tied around a child's neck before putting the child in a crib or playpen.



### **⚠ WARNING**

**Strings around the neck can strangle a child.**

**Never tie pacifiers or other items around your child's neck.**