



CPSC Safety Alert

Soft Bedding May Be Hazardous to Babies “Bare is Best”

To prevent infant deaths due to soft bedding, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends the following safe bedding practices when putting infants under 12 months down to sleep.



Safe Bedding Practices for Infants

- Place baby on back on a firm tight-fitting mattress in a crib that meets current safety standards.
- Remove pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, pillow-like stuffed toys, and other soft products from the crib.
- For warmth, dress baby in footed pajamas.
- Positioning devices are unnecessary and can be deadly.
- Do not place baby on a waterbed, sofa, soft mattress, pillow, or other soft surface to sleep.

A Safe Sleeping Environment for Your Baby

Placing babies to sleep on their backs instead of their stomachs has been associated with a dramatic decrease in deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Babies have been found dead on their stomachs with their faces, noses, and mouths covered by soft bedding, such as pillows, quilts, comforters and sheepskins. However, some babies have been found dead with their heads covered by soft bedding even while sleeping on their backs.

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