



Practice Alert

Drop Down-Side Cribs Outlawed

After dozens of deaths, drop-side cribs have been outlawed. The government outlawed drop-side cribs after the deaths of more than 30 infants and toddlers in the past decade and millions of recalls. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40678788/ns/health-kids_and_parenting/from/toolbar

The Safe Sleep Practice form, CD-117, was introduced in December 2008, with memo [CD08-107](#). The purpose was to address the issue of unintentional suffocation of infants due to unsafe sleeping practices.

Practice Alert [PP09-RD-03](#) was posted in June 2009, reminding staff of the policy requirement of having all resource providers, licensed and unlicensed, review, sign and agree to the information outlined in CD-117, at initial licensure/placement in the home and at the 2 year license renewal/ placement approval.

It is imperative that staff discuss and view the sleeping arrangements that resource providers have for infants. This includes foster homes, kinship homes, relative homes, and respite homes. This information should also be shared with parents and caregivers.

The Division developed a web page where current foster parenting information is posted, [Foster Parenting Information](#). Workers should view this page to be aware of information posted, and direct resource parents to this resource during each home visit. If the resource provider does not have access to the Internet, the worker should print off information and provide to the resource provider at home visits.

For more information on crib safety and safe sleep environments for baby, visit CPSC's crib information center at, www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html

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