www.cpsc.gov

Child Care Providers

Your Guide to New Crib Standards

Beginning **December 28, 2012,** any crib provided by child care facilities and family child care homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. The new standards take effect for manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors on **June 28, 2011,** addressing deadly hazards previously seen with traditional drop-side rails, requiring more durable hardware and parts and mandating more rigorous testing.

What you should know…

- **This is more than a drop side issue. Immobilizing your current crib will not make it compliant.**
- **You cannot determine compliance by looking at the product.**
- **The new standards apply to all full-size and non full-size cribs including wood, metal and stackable cribs.**
- **If you purchase a crib prior to the June 28, 2011 effective date and you are unsure it meets the new federal standard, CPSC recommends that you verify the crib meets the standard by asking for proof.**

  o Ask the manufacturer, retailer, importer or distributor to show a Certificate of Compliance. The document must:

  - Describe the product
  - Give name, full mailing address and telephone number for importer or domestic manufacturer
  - Identify the rule for which it complies (16 CFR 1219 or 1220)
  - Give name, full mailing address, email address and telephone number for the records keeper and location of testing lab
  - Give date and location of manufacture and testing

  o The crib must also have a label attached with the date of manufacture

What you should do…

- **All child care facilities, family child care homes, and places of public accommodation:**

  o Must prepare to replace their current cribs with new, compliant cribs before December 28, 2012.
  o Should not resell, donate or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards.

- **Dispose of older, noncompliant cribs in a manner that the cribs cannot be reassembled and used.**
- **Noncompliant cribs should not be resold through online auction sites or donated to local thrift stores. CPSC recommends disassembling the crib before discarding it.**