



New Crib Safety Standards

In December 2010, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to approve new mandatory standards for full-size and non-full-size baby cribs as mandated by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

Effective June 28, 2011, cribs manufactured, sold, or leased in the United States must comply with the new federal standards. The new standards apply to all full-size and non full-size cribs including wood, metal, and stackable cribs. Immobilizing your current crib will not make it compliant nor can compliance be determined by looking at the product.

Beginning December 28, 2012, cribs must meet new and improved federal safety standards. Older, noncompliant cribs must be disposed of in a manner that the cribs cannot be reassembled and used. Do not resell, donate, or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards. If you purchased a crib prior to the June 28, 2011 effective date and you are unsure if meets the new federal standard, CPSC recommends that you verify the crib meets the standard by asking the manufacturer, retailer, importer, or distributor for a Certificate of Compliance which must include description of the product, name, mailing address, and telephone number for importer or domestic manufacturer, identify the rule for which it complies [16 C.F.R., part 1219 (full size) or part 1220 (nonfull size)], full mailing address, email address, and telephone number for the records keeper and location of testing lab, and the date and location of manufacture and testing.

Churches that own or operate a child care facility and pay a person or people to care for children OR churches that pay a person or people to care for children during a church service or function are covered by the CPSC's crib rule. However, if the child care arrangement at a church involves parents (or others) volunteering to care for children during a church service or function (and no one is paid to care for the children and no fee is charged), this arrangement is not covered by the crib rule.

For more information, contact Cheryl Markland, Childhood Ministry Consultant, at (800) 395-5102 ext. 5645, or you can visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's crib information center at www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html.