

Crib Safety

Do:

- Use only a firm, tight-fitting mattress so that the baby cannot get trapped between the mattress and the crib.
- Make sure there is no more than 2 3/8 inches (about the width of a soda can) between each of the crib bars.
- Use only a fitted bottom crib sheet made only for cribs.
- Always place your baby on his/her back in the crib.
- Make sure cribs built after 1989 meet federal safety standards.

Do Not:

- Leave any loose, broken or improperly installed screws, brackets, or other hardware on the crib or the mattress.
- Put pillows, quilts, comforters, pillow-like bumper pads or stuffed animals in the crib.
- Buy a crib with cutout designs in the headboard or footboard.
- Buy a crib with corner posts that are over 1/16 inch high.
- Use an adult sheet on a crib mattress.



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