

Safety Standards for Baby and Toddler Items

Item	Safety Standards
Baby vehicle (carriage or stroller)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Should be pretested for balance and weight distribution. ★ Safety brake can be quickly set. ★ Protective bumpers should pad.
Bassinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sturdy bottom and wide, stable base. ★ Smooth surfaces. ★ Secure leg locks. ★ Firm mattress with snug fit.
Bed (toddler)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Use detachable rail with openings no more than 3½ inches apart. ★ Put padding on floor next to bed in case child rolls out.
Changing table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sturdy. ★ Guardrails that are at least 2 inches high. ★ Safety strap. ★ Toiletries are out of reach of babies.
Crib	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Slats must not be more than 2¾ inches apart. ★ Height of crib side from bottom of mattress to top of railing no less than 26 inches. ★ Child has outgrown crib when side rail is less than three-fourths of child's height. ★ Children 35 inches and taller must be removed from portable cribs. ★ Paint should be lead free. ★ Teething rails are preferred. ★ Crib should not have horizontal bars inside, because a baby can climb on them. ★ Corner posts are ¼ inch or shorter or 16 inches or higher for canopy beds. ★ Place cribs away from windows, heaters, lamps, wall decorations, curtains, blinds, cords, and climbable furniture; a thick carpet extending beyond the crib could cushion a fall. ★ Remove crib mobiles and hanging toys at 5 months; do not use stuffed animals or pillows until the toddler years. ★ No cutout designs on head- or footboards. ★ Buy cribs designed after June 2011. All new cribs should have permanently fixed sides and come with a <i>certificate of conformity</i>. This certificate indicates the crib has been rigorously tested and meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.
Crib mattress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The top of the mattress support and the top of the rail should be no less than 9 inches for standard crib and 5 inches for portable crib. ★ Mattress should be covered with durable plastic with air vents, which is then covered with a fitted sheet. ★ Torn mattress covers should be discarded. ★ Mattress should fit snugly in crib. Space between crib and mattress should be smaller than two adult fingers held together. ★ Should be firm rather than soft. ★ Move mattress to the lowest point once child can pull himself to standing.

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