

New Look for sidscanada.org



On September 1, CFSID launched our new website! While many of you may have seen our new appearance, there are some great new additions to the site that we hope parents and caregivers will find useful. The Product Recalls section offers the latest recalls from Health Canada surrounding children's products as well as advisories and warnings on consumer products available in retail stores in Canada. Parents can take the safe sleep quiz to test their knowledge on safe sleep. Our memorial section has a slightly refreshed look, but great care was taken to ensure all of our memorials remain and are correct. We invite you to log on today. Happy Surfing!

ABCs of Safe Sleep Online Course
SIDS Education for Parents & Families



Just a month after the release of SIDS Education for Professionals, the Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths announced a newly revised version of the ABCs of Safe Sleep online course. This course, directed at parents, caregivers and anyone that looks after a baby, outlines safe sleep practices to help reduce the risk of SIDS and infant sleep accidents. Originally launched in 2008, the course has maintained its goal of education and awareness surrounding safe sleep, and the revised version adds additional information and current product safety recommendations. The course is available through the CFSID website at www.sidscanada.org for \$19.95.

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Ban on Drop-side Cribs?

Health Canada has proposed to ban the sale of drop-side cribs in Canada after 1.5 million cribs were recalled in less than two years. Drop-side cribs can pose a risk of strangulation, suffocation or entrapment if the drop-side becomes detached or hardware on the crib breaks or fails. Health Canada has received numerous reports of injuries and even death in relation to use of these cribs.

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Your donation will help CFSID continue to educate parents, caregivers and professionals on SIDS risk reduction methods and safe sleep practices. Donate online via our website or by calling 1-800-363-7437.

RECALL NOTICES	RECALL NOTICES
Drop-side cribs by Pottery Barn Kids	Fisher Price - multiple recalls
Cozy Indoor Outdoor Portable Playard Tents Plus Cabana Kits	Trama "Carre Condo" Cribs
The Nap Nanny Portable Infant Recliner	Graco Quattro Tour and MetroLite Strollers
Williams Sonoma Baby Bottle Warmers	Infants' Carhartt Overalls
Baby Hammocks by MamaLittleHelper	Tolo Maraca Rattle
Zoooper Tango Double Strollers	Chaperone-brand Infant Car Seats by Britax
Beaba Express Baby Bottle Warmers	
"Suzy" cribs by Meubles Adam et Fils Ltee	ADVISORIES & WARNINGS
Circus World Video Baby Monitors	ADVISORY: Leaving Children Unattended in Strollers and Failing to Use Restraint Systems
Nestle Infant Formula	<i>Join the Consumer Product Safety News mailing list and receive updates on consumer advisories and warnings, consumer product recalls and consultation documents as they become available on the Consumer Product Safety section of Health Canada's website.</i>
Similac Powder Infant Formula	
Fisher Price High Chairs	

Product Safety Watch: Infant Sleep Positioners Can Be Deadly

Recently the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a warning to parents to stop using infant sleep positioners. While Health Canada has not yet issued this warning, CFSID joins these agencies in advising parents of the dangers of using these types of products.

Infant positioners are intended to keep a baby on his/her back while sleeping. These products are readily available in retail stores and online. In the last 13 years in the US, there have been 12 reports of death in babies due to suffocation associated with sleep positioners. When a baby is able to move during sleep, there becomes a risk of suffocation as the baby can slide down in the positioner, or turn over onto their side or stomach.

CFSID cautions parents against using any type of positioner, wedge or use of blankets/pillows in the baby's crib. These all present a risk of serious injury or even death.

To reduce the risk of injuries and sleep accidents, CFSID recommends the following:

- Always put your baby to sleep on his/her back (side and stomach positions are unstable and not safe). Do not use infant sleep positioners.
- The safest place for a baby to sleep is in his/her own crib (that meets Health Canada's Safety Regulations) in the parent's or caregiver's room for the first six months of life
- The crib should be free of clutter such as bumper pads, stuffed animals, positioners, pillows etc. The only thing in the crib should be a tight-fitting crib sheet over the mattress and the baby.
- Eliminate all soft objects from the baby's sleep environment—no quilts, duvets, pillows, bumper pads, stuffed animals, etc.
- Use of a wearable blanket or sleepsack is recommended in place of blankets as they pose a risk of head-covering.

For more information on Safe Sleep Practices visit www.sidscanada.org

Product Safety Watch: Baby Hammocks Pose Risk of Injury to Babies



Health Canada has issued warnings about the use of baby hammocks. Consumers should notify Health Canada if these products are found for sale.

In September, Health Canada issued a warning about the use of hammocks designed for infants and children. These products pose a potential risk of suffocation and entrapment. The inclined sleeping surface increases the risk of infants rolling and becoming wedged in a position in which they can no longer breathe.

Hammocks should not be used for any children under the age of six as they are at risk for potential injury including a fall, strangulation and suffocation.

While no reports of injury have been reported to Health Canada, anyone that owns this product should not use it. The product should be disassembled and disposed of so it can not be reused.

CFSID would like to remind parents and caregivers that the safest place for a baby to sleep is in his or her own safe crib, in the parent's or caregiver's room for the first six months.

Safe Sleep Update

The Safe Sleep Project, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation wrapped up last month after a two-year grant. Over 24,000 people were reached through programs, literature and events as a result of the grant. Over 150 events were held including workshops to new mothers and attendance at Baby Shows across Ontario. CFSID would like to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Safe Sleep volunteers and everyone that assisted in making this program a success. Moving forward, CFSID hope to launch similar initiatives across Canada, to help our potentially life-saving message reach even more families.



Online Course for Health Care Professionals
Understanding SIDS and Safe Sleep
What you learn could help save a life



CFSID's online course SIDS For Professionals was launched in September 2010 and this month received accreditation from Curriculum Canada. The three-hour course was designed to give Health Care Professional and Child-care workers an in-depth look into SIDS, risk reduction methods and practices of safe sleep. The course is available through the CFSID website at www.sidscanada.org for \$24.95. Discounts are available for 50 units or more. For more information contact Marissa D'Onofrio at 1-800-363-7437 x 205.



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