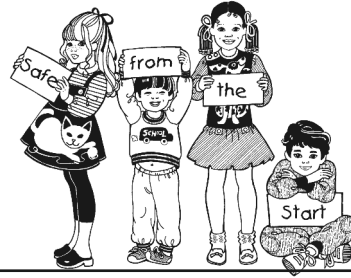


pamphlet. Remember, new products meeting current safety standards are a safer option, they will always include manufacturer's instructions.

Always remember that juvenile products are not a substitute for parental supervision.

**Never leave your baby unattended!!!**



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## Crib Safety

Each year, about 50 babies suffocate or strangle when they become trapped between broken crib parts or in cribs with unsafe designs.

Never place your crib near windows, draperies, blinds or wall-mounted decorative accessories with long cords.

Look for the following when shopping for a safe crib:

- No missing, loose, broken or improperly installed screws, brackets or other hardware on the crib or the mattress support.
- Crib slats should be spaced no more than 2 3/8" apart, and none should be loose or missing. To check for proper spacing of crib slats, make sure a pop can will not pass between them when held upright.
- Avoid cutout areas on the headboard or foot board so a baby's head cannot get trapped.
- Assure there is no cracked or peeling paint and no splinters or rough edges.
- Never use a crib with corner posts over 1/16 of an inch above the end panels. Babies can strangle if their clothes become caught on corner posts.
- The crib mattress should fit snugly with no more than two fingers width between the edge of the mattress and the crib side. Otherwise, baby can get trapped between the mattress and the side of the crib.
- ALWAYS use a crib sheet that fits securely on the mattress and wraps around the mattress corners.

- Mobiles should also be removed when baby can push himself/ herself up.
- New standards prevent cribs with drop down side from being sold. Don't purchase them at second hand stores.
- Bumper pads, stuffed animals and blankets should not be used in cribs as they increase the risk of SIDS in babies.

## Carriages & Strollers

- Choose a stroller or carriage that has a base wide enough to prevent tipping, even when your baby leans over the side.
- If the seat adjusts to a reclining position, make sure the stroller doesn't tip backwards when the child lies down.
- Always secure baby by using the stroller seat belt.
- Don't hang pocketbooks or shopping bags over the handles.
- If your stroller has a basket for carrying packages, it should be low on the back of the stroller or directly over the rear wheels.
- Use the locking device to prevent accidental folding.
- Apply the brakes to limit rotation of the wheels when stroller is stationary.
- When you fold or unfold the stroller, keep your baby's hands away from areas that could pinch tiny fingers.

## Walkers

- Only stationary walkers with no wheels are safe for a child to use. Ones with wheels allow them to move about to

areas they should not be (stairways, doors, appliances, fireplaces, etc.) or access to things they should not have.

- Never leave baby unattended in a walker.
- Choose a sturdy walker with the correct recommended height and weight of your child.
- Keep child away from ranges, radiators and fireplaces.
- Never carry the walker with child in it.

## High Chairs

- Assure that your baby is able to sit up well before using a high chair.
- Always buckle the child into the chair.
- The high chair should have both a waist strap and one between the legs for the safest fit.
- Select a high chair with a broad leg base to prevent tip overs.
- Lock the tray securely into place and be sure baby's hands are out of the way.

The most important thing you can do to keep your baby safe from harm with any baby product is to supervise him or her carefully. For the safest product use possible, ALWAYS read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and mail in product registration cards so as to be notified if there are recalls.

Experts recommend that you should not use second-hand products for your baby. However, if it is necessary for you to use these older products, be sure they have all of the safety features outlined in this