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Date: April 25, 2011
To: Indiana Child Care Providers
From: Melanie Brizzi, Child Care Administrator
Re: New Crib Safety Standards

Dear Child Care Provider:

On December 28, 2010, the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published new safety standards for full-size and non-full-size cribs. The new safety standards will become effective on June 28, 2011. After this date all cribs manufactured, sold (including resale) or leased in the U.S. must meet these new safety standards.

The new CPSC safety standards also require that by December 28, 2012, all child care facilities must have replaced any cribs in use that do not comply with these new safety standards. This CPSC requirement applies to all licensed child care centers, unlicensed registered ministries, and licensed childcare homes that use full-size and non-full-size cribs. The Bureau of Child Care (BCC) staff will begin enforcing this requirement and checking for compliant cribs after the CPSC effective date of December 28, 2012.

You may have heard that the changes in the requirements are about drop sided cribs. While it is true that drop sided cribs and stacked cribs will not meet the new standards, the changes go well beyond just eliminating the drop sides. The new crib safety standards include improved structural enhancements that can not be seen by just looking at the crib. If you are using cribs that were manufactured before July 23, 2010, they will not be compliant. The date that your crib was manufactured should be located on the crib, generally somewhere on the mattress board.

If you purchased a crib that was manufactured between 7/23/10 and 6/28/11, the crib may be compliant but you will need to get a certificate of compliance (COC) from the crib's manufacturer to show that the crib meets the new standards. The COC must state that the crib meets the following standards, 16 CFR 1219 or 16 CFR 1220. Please use caution when purchasing a new crib prior to June 28, 2011. You may find cribs on sale that advertise they meet the CPSC standards; however, these cribs may only meet the current standards, not the new standards. Make sure that the crib meets the new standards (16 CFR 1219 or 16 CFR 1220). Maintain the manufacturer's COC for your cribs because after December 28, 2012, your BCC consultant will review this documentation to ensure that your cribs are in compliance.





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Please see the enclosed example of a COC and additional information from the CPSC. A valid COC must contain all of the information listed on the sample.

Non-compliant cribs should not be resold, donated or given away. The CPSC recommends disassembling a crib before discarding it.

Enclosed please find a guide to the new crib standards for child care providers from the CPSC and an example of what to look for on a COC. You can also visit the CPSC crib information center at www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html. If you have questions regarding these changes or need assistance in determining whether your cribs are compliant, you may call the Infant Toddler Specialist at your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency or the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies at 1-800-299-1627.

Thank you for your dedication to keeping Indiana children healthy, safe and learning.

Sincerely,

Melanie Brizzi
Child Care Administrator
Bureau of Child Care



EXAMPLE

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST For full-size and non-full-size cribs

The certificate of compliance states all of the following:

- Name and model number of the crib(s) covered by the certificate
- Citation of each Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPC) product safety regulation covered by the certificate (must include 16 CFR 1219 or 1220)
- Name, full mailing address, and telephone number of the U.S. importer or domestic manufacturer certifying compliance of the product
- Name, full mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the person maintaining the records of the test results
- Date (at least month and year) and place (at least city and country or administrative region) of manufacture. If the same manufacturer operates more than one location in the same city, the certificate should state the street address of the factory
- Date and place where the compliance testing was done
- Name, full mailing address and telephone number of any third-party laboratory that tested the product or conducted a testing program on which the certification is based



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Child Care Providers

Your Guide to New Crib Standards

Beginning **December 28, 2012**, any crib provided by child care facilities and family child care homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. The new standards take effect for manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors on **June 28, 2011**, addressing deadly hazards previously seen with traditional drop-side rails, requiring more durable hardware and parts and mandating more rigorous testing.

What you should know...

- **This is more than a drop side issue. Immobilizing your current crib will not make it compliant.**
- **You cannot determine compliance by looking at the product.**
- **The new standards apply to all full-size and non full-size cribs including wood, metal and stackable cribs.**
- **If you purchase a crib prior to the June 28, 2011 effective date and you are unsure it meets the new federal standard, CPSC recommends that you verify the crib meets the standard by asking for proof.**
 - o Ask the manufacturer, retailer, importer or distributor to show a Certificate of Compliance. The document must:
 - Describe the product
 - Give name, full mailing address and telephone number for importer or domestic manufacturer
 - Identify the rule for which it complies (16 CFR 1219 or 1220)
 - Give name, full mailing address, email address and telephone number for the records keeper and location of testing lab
 - Give date and location of manufacture and testing
 - o The crib must also have a label attached with the date of manufacture

What you should do...

- **All child care facilities, family child care homes, and places of public accommodation:**
 - o Must prepare to replace their current cribs with new, compliant cribs before December 28, 2012.
 - o Should not resell, donate or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards.
- **Dispose of older, noncompliant cribs in a manner that the cribs cannot be reassembled and used.**
- **Noncompliant cribs should not be resold through online auction sites or donated to local thrift stores. CPSC recommends disassembling the crib before discarding it.**

