

## A GUIDE TO NEW CRIB STANDARDS



Beginning December 28, 2012, any crib provided by childcare facilities and family childcare homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. The new standards took 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.

Do you ever pay someone to keep preschoolers at your church? Examples would be a Sunday morning, a Weekday ministry, Mothers' Day Out, or even babysitting during special events such as a Valentine's Day Banquet, etc. If your answer is *yes*, then you must be in compliance with the new regulations. If your answer is *no*, it is strongly advised that you go ahead and purchase cribs that comply to the new regulations. This will protect you if something arises involving cribs.

### 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 purchased 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.
1. 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 (116 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.
  2. The crib must also have a label attached with the date of manufacture.

## **What you should do**

- All childcare facilities, family childcare homes, and places of public accommodation must prepare to replace their current cribs with new, compliant cribs before December 28, 2012.
- 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.

## **Selected Contacts:**

### **1. School Outfitters**

- [www.schooloutfitters.com](http://www.schooloutfitters.com) (866) 619-0521
- Contact Person: Trent Krugh
- Tell Trent that you are a Noonday Baptist Association member and you will receive a discount for the cribs you purchase.

### **2. Teachers' School Supply**

- [www.teacherssupply.com](http://www.teacherssupply.com) (800) 477-7745
- Contact Person: Christie Kramer
- Tell Christie that you are a Noonday Baptist Association member and you will receive a discount for the cribs you purchase.

### **3. LifeWay**

- [www.lifeway.com/keyword/baby+cribs](http://www.lifeway.com/keyword/baby+cribs) (800) 289-7397
- Contact Person: Angela Gaston

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Suddath at the Noonday Baptist Association at (770) 422-3347.