



## Division of Children and Family Services

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Dear Foster Parent:

As you know, the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) believes that the health and safety of our children is paramount. As such, we wanted to be sure that you are aware of the danger of traditional, drop-side cribs. We also wanted to share with you the new mandates that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued related to cribs.

Since 2000, detaching drop-side rails were associated with at least 32 infant suffocation and strangulation deaths. Additional deaths have occurred due to faulty or defective hardware. Due to these safety hazards, CPSC voted unanimously in December to approve new mandatory standards for baby cribs. These newly approved mandatory crib standards will, among other actions, stop the manufacture and sale of dangerous, traditional drop-side cribs (effective June 2011) in an effort to prevent tragedies and keep children safe in their cribs.

Effective 24 months after the rule is published, child care facilities and places of public accommodation must have compliant cribs in their facilities. Foster homes do not specifically fall under this mandate. However, to ensure our children's safety, DCFS asks that you do not use traditional drop-side cribs for children placed in your home or correct any safety hazards by using a repair kit that some manufacturers provide. Corrections made to cribs using the repair kits will be acceptable as long as the repair kit used is specific to the crib that you own. Over the next few months, your resource worker and other DCFS staff will help make sure that you come into compliance with this request.

The following is a complete list of specific crib recalls. If you have any of these cribs in your home, we ask that you notify your resource worker immediately.

- [Heritage Collection 3-in-1 Drop-Side Cribs sold at Kmart](#)
- [Longwood Forest/Angel Line Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Ethan Allen Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Child Craft Fixed-Side Cribs](#)
- [Child Craft Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Delta Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Evenflo Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Jardine Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [LaJobi Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Million Dollar Baby Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Simmons Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [C&T International / Sorelle Cribs](#)
- [Delta Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Dorel Asia Drop-Side and Fixed-Side Cribs](#)
- [Generation 2 and "ChildESIGNS" Full-Size and Portable Drop-Side Cribs](#)
- [Jardine Cribs Sold by Babies 'R' Us](#)
- [Simplicity Cribs, Bassinets and Play Yards](#)
- [Stork Craft Cribs](#)
- [Graco®-Branded Drop Side Cribs Made by LaJobi](#)
- [Simplicity Cribs Recalled by Retailer](#)

Enclosed is a hand out on some additional safe sleeping tips for your infant or toddler. Thank you for working with us to create safer environments for our children.

Sincerely,

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DCFS Director