

RULE GUIDANCE

Cribs and Play Yards



LICENSE TYPE AND RULES

Certified Child Care Center (CC) OAR 414-305-0100(39), 414-305-0620(1)(a)(A)

Certified Family (CF) OAR 414-360-0100(33), OAR 414-360-0620(1)(a)(A)

Registered Family (RF) OAR 414-210-0100(31), 414-210-0620(1)(a)(A)

"Play yard" means a framed enclosure with mesh or fabric sides. A play yard is intended for sleeping and playing accommodations.

- For the purposes of these rules, "play yard" is also used to describe what is often referred to as a play pen or pack-n-play intended for sleep.

Example of "play yards" made for infant sleeping:



Not designed for infant sleeping:



(1)A certified child care center must provide an individual crib, portable crib, or play yard for each infant.

(a) Each crib, portable crib, or play yard must:

- (A) Comply with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards for use by infants and have documentation from the manufacturer or retailer stating that either the crib was manufactured after June 28, 2011 or the play yard was manufactured after February 28, 2013;

MANUFACTURED DATE

In order to improve recall effectiveness, Congress has required that manufacturers:

- ✓ Permanently place the manufacturer name and contact information, model name and number, and the date of manufacture on each durable infant or toddler product.
- Each crib, portable crib, or play yard must have documentation from the manufacturer or retailer stating that either the crib was manufactured after June 28, 2011 or that the play yard was manufactured after February 28, 2013.
- **Centers should check the labels on their cribs and play yards to ensure they are not using outdated, unsafe equipment.**
 - **CRIBS:** Check the crib for a label that includes the manufacturing date or lot code, as well as the manufacturer's contact info. Typically, these codes appear in a discreet spot on the crib frame, or underneath the mattress support. If you can't decipher the manufacturing date from the lot number or lot code, call the manufacturer and ask. Importantly, if there's no clear label, don't use the crib.

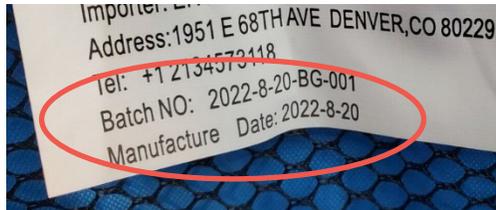


This crib is too old!

It was manufactured before June 28, 2011



- **PLAY YARDS:** The model number and manufacture date will be located on a sticker underneath the play yard or on the floorboard.



This play yard meets the safety standards since it was made after Feb 28, 2013.

WHAT ARE THE CPSC SAFETY STANDARDS

Cribs

The safety features for cribs manufactured after June 28, 2011 include:

- a maximum 2-3/8 inches between the slats or poles to ensure that infants will not slip between the slats feet first and be caught by the head,
- standardized crib sizes and snugly fitting mattresses so the child cannot become wedged between the sides of the crib and a poorly fitting mattress, and
- a rail height of 26 inches from the top of the railing to the mattress support at its lowest level to help prevent infants from falling out of the crib.

Other requirements include: no hardware within the crib that could present a hazard of injury to the child; sturdy drop latches; wood surfaces that are smooth and free from splinters and cracks; a warning label on the crib stating the dimensions of a mattress which will fit properly.

Play Yards

Beginning Feb. 28, 2013, manufacturers and importers of infant and toddler play yards are required to test their play yards to ensure that they meet new federal safety standards.

Play yards that meet the new safety standard must have:

- Side rails that do not form a sharp V when the product is folded. This prevents a child from strangling in the side rail.
- Stronger corner brackets to prevent sharp-edged cracks and to prevent a side-rail collapse.
- Sturdier mattress attachments to the play yard floor to prevent children from getting trapped or hurt.

CCLD LICENSING SPECIALIST MAY REVIEW (IF APPLICABLE)

- ✓ Crib and play yard manufacture information may be reviewed at an upcoming visit.
- ✓ Gaps between the mattress and the side.
- ✓ The fit of the sheet to ensure there is no slack or excess (the sheet is too loose), and no buckling or raising of the mattress (the sheet is too tight).

Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)

JPMA Certification is voluntary, and based on adherence to ASTM standards, federal and state laws and some retail requirements. The JPMA Certification Seal on your product or packaging signifies that it has been tested to all federal and state regulations, the voluntary ASTM standard, and other major retailer requirements at an independent, CPSC-accredited laboratory.

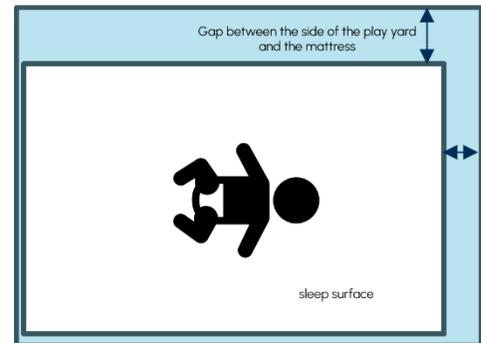


If they have a JPMA sticker, they would also meet CPSC and ASTM standards. So, the rule states: Comply with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards for use by infants and have documentation from the manufacturer or retailer stating that the crib was manufactured after June 28, 2011. If the crib was manufactured after this date and has the JPMA sticker, it can be used.



Other Safety Information

- Only the mattress supplied with the play yard when it was originally purchased, should be used- to prevent head entrapment and suffocation between the mattress, sides, and floor structure.
 - Play yards may stretch over time creating a gap between the mattress and the side (see photo).
 - If this happens, the play yard must be replaced.
- Rules clearly state: Infant sleep equipment *must have a clean, firm, tight-fitting mattress. The mattress must: (i) Be designed to fit the specific equipment used, with no gap between the mattress and sides of the product.*



Website to find out about recalls (<https://www.saferproducts.gov/>) and **sign up** to receive recall notifications here: ([CPSC.gov](https://www.cpsc.gov/))

OPTIONAL RESOURCES

Sources:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/Business-Guidance/Play-Yards>

CPSC Play Yard Information:

<https://onsafety.cpsc.gov/blog/2013/02/19/play-yards-new-safety-rule-to-take-effect/>

CPSC Crib Information:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Newsroom/News-Releases/2012/CPSC-Sets-Crib-Safety-Standards>

Consumer Reports:

<https://www.consumerreports.org/babies-kids/child-safety/is-it-safe-to-buy-a-used-car-seat-stroller-crib-baby-products-a2075650203/>

Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) Certification: <https://www.jpma.org/page/certification>

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