SAFE SLEEP AND CRIB SAFETY CHECKLIST

☐ Make sure there are no more than 2-3/8 inches between crib slats so a baby's head cannot fit through the slats.

☐ The mattress should be firm and snug-fitting so a baby cannot get trapped between it and the side of the crib.

☐ Place baby on his or her back to sleep on a firm surface.

☐ No missing loose, broken or improperly installed screws, brackets or other hardware should be on the crib or the mattress support.

☐ There should be no corner posts more than 1/16 inch above the end panels (unless they are over 16 inches high for a canopy) so a baby cannot catch clothing and strangle.

☐ Make sure there are no cutout areas on the headboard or footboard so a baby's head cannot get trapped.

☐ A mattress support should not easily pull apart from the corner posts so a baby cannot get trapped between mattress and crib.

☐ There should be no splinters, rough edges or tears in mesh or fabric sides.

☐ Rails should be 26 inches from the top of the railing to the mattress support at its lowest level.

Best practices

☐ Put babies to sleep on firm mattresses with well-filling sheets. Do not allow babies or older children to share cribs and do not put toys and other soft bedding (blankets, comforters, pillows, stuffed animals or wedges) in the crib with the baby.

☐ Keep beds and cribs away from windows and drapery cords.