



ChildCareGroup

MEMO

To: Parents & Providers
From: ChildCareGroup
Date: January 11, 2011
RE: **IMPORTANT UPDATE: New Safety Standards for Cribs**

Please take a moment to review this important update regarding new safety standards for cribs. On December 15, 2010 the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted unanimously to approve the new rigorous standards. This is the first major revision to the CPSC crib standard in over 30 years. The requirement for these new regulations was established by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of August 2008.

Major changes to the new regulations include:

- Prohibition of drop-side cribs in which the entire side rail moves up and down. A retrofit kit that serves to immobilize a drop side does not make the crib compliant;
- Changes in side rail height and toe hold standards;
- Better labeling and instructions to minimize potential misassembly;
- Increased slat strength;
- Increased mattress support strength; and
- Elimination of wood screws from key structural elements.

The regulations will become effective over a period of two (2) years:

- **June 2011** (6 months after publication in the Federal Register): The manufacture, sale and resale of cribs that do not meet the new standards will be prohibited.
- **December 2012** (24 months after publication in the Federal Register): Child care facilities and public places of accommodation that use cribs must replace cribs that do not meet the new standards. Cribs, including drop-side cribs, compliant with the current safety standard at time of manufacture, which have not been subject to recall, may stay in service during this 24-month period.

For more information, please visit the ChildCareGroup home page under "Program Updates" at www.ChildCareGroup.org. For specific updates on each manufacturer's cribs visit their websites.