



Home Safety Checklist

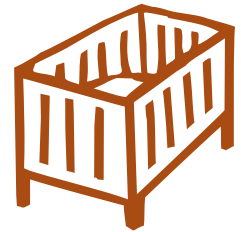
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Handout A12

Baby's Sleeping Area

Yes...No...N/A

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is the crib made without a drop-side rail?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are the screws, bolts, and hardware that came with the crib in place to prevent the crib from collapsing? *Pediatricians share that it's important to purchase replacement parts for the crib from the manufacturer to ensure that the parts are made safely and will fit correctly.*
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are the slats in the crib no more than 2 ³/₈ inches or 6 centimeters apart?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Does the crib mattress fit snugly without any gaps?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Have all items such as toys, pillows, blankets, bumper pads, mobiles, etc. been removed from their sleeping area?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is the crib placed far away from a window?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is the night light away from curtains, bedding, or other materials where it could start a fire?



Bathrooms

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are bathroom doors kept closed with knob covers?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Do toilets have safety latches or locks so that a child can't lift the lids?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is the temperature of the water heater set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or 49 degrees Celsius? *Child development specialists tell us that this can prevent the water from becoming scalding hot.*
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Does the bathtub where they're bathed have no-slip strips?

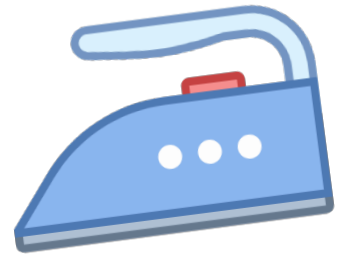


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Electrical Safety

Yes...No...N/A

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Do unused electrical outlets have plug protectors?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are all electrical cords out of their reach?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are things that get hot to the touch like clothing, flat, or curling irons unplugged and stored out of their reach when they're not in use?



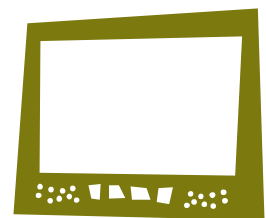
Fire Safety

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are there smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of our home and in every bedroom?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are the smoke detectors tested monthly to make sure they're in working order?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are the batteries replaced in the smoke detectors 1-2 times a year?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Does my family have a fire evacuation plan?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is there a fire extinguisher kept in the kitchen or on every level of the home?



Furniture/Television Safety

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Have all furniture pieces like bookcases, dressers, or entertainment centers been bolted or secured to the wall?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are all TVs mounted to the wall, or are the bases of TVs secured to a piece of furniture?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Have all sharp edges of furniture been covered with cushioned corner- and edge-protectors?



Kitchen/Laundry Room

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are knives and other sharp kitchen tools kept out of my baby's reach or stored in a latched drawer or cabinet?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are hot food containers placed away from the edge of counters?

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Kitchen/Laundry Room Continued...

Yes...No...N/A

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are back burners used when cooking or if this isn't possible, are pot handles turned toward the back of the stove?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are laundry detergent and cleaning capsules stored in their original containers and safely kept out of my infant's sight and reach?



The Whole Home

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are medications, alcoholic beverages, poisons, cosmetics, and cleaning supplies safely stored out of their sight and reach **OR** in drawers and cabinets that are locked with safety latches?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are small parts and pieces picked up and put away in a safe area where my infant can't reach them?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are plastic bags or other plastic wrappers placed out of my baby's reach?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are all curtains and blind cords out of my infant's reach?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are window guards or stops in place?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are safety gates installed at the bottom and top of all staircases?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are toys stored in open areas instead of in a toybox?
Pediatricians share that babies can get trapped inside toy boxes, or the lids can cause injuries.
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are guns and ammunition stored separately as well as locked and unloaded?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Has my home (if built before 1978) been checked for lead?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Is water emptied from containers or buckets immediately following their use? *The experts say that children can drown in less than 2 inches of water.*
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Do things like fireplaces, wood stoves, kerosene heaters, radiators, and baseboard heaters have screens on them?
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Are button or coin batteries and all items that contain these types of batteries such as remotes, digital scales, and key fobs kept out of my infant's sight and reach?

