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Re: NEW FEDERAL CRIB STANDARDS

Dear Colleague,

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information and resources regarding new federal requirements for cribs that affect your program.

Beginning June 28, 2011, all cribs manufactured and sold (including resale) must comply with new and improved federal safety standards. The information and answers to frequently asked questions are available on CPSC's website (see below).

By **December 28, 2012**, all child care programs and providers must use only compliant cribs that meet the new federal safety standards. Regulation of this law will begin December 28, 2012.

DETERMINING IF YOUR CRIBS ARE IN COMPLIANCE: Per the Consumer Produce Safety Commission (CPSC), there is no way to visually determine if a crib is in compliance with the standards. The new standards require stronger hardware and rigorous testing to prove a crib's durability.

If your crib(s) was manufactured prior to July 28, 2011, it will not be in compliance unless you have a Certificate of Compliance available for review (see next page). If your crib is purchased new from a retailer after June 28, 2011, it should be in compliance, according to the CPSC. When you are shopping for new cribs we recommend that you ask the retailer about compliance with the federal regulations effective June 28, 2011.

RESALE: Programs **may not** resell, donate or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards. CPSC recommends disassembling the crib before discarding it.

STACKING CRIBS: Stacking cribs are not allowed in licensed child care programs per He-C 4002.22(s). Furthermore, at this time the CPSC is not aware of **any** stacking crib design that meets the new crib standards.

PORTA CRIBS: These standards do not apply to porta cribs. If you have questions about the safety of porta cribs, please contact our office to speak to a licensing coordinator.

FURTHER QUESTIONS: We strongly encourage you to visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. As the CPSC develops their compliance procedure and more FAQs they will be adding information to their website.

If you have further questions, please contact Child Care Licensing, from within New Hampshire at 1-800-852-3345, extension 4624, or from out of state at 603-271-4624.

We provide information via email more regularly than through the post. To be added to the CCLU group email list, please email your request to denise.corvino@dhhs.state.nh.us from the email address you would like added to the list.

We understand that this will have an impact on your program and will work toward providing information to you as we receive it.

Sincerely,

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