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## The New Crib Standard: Questions and Answers<sup>1</sup>

Beginning June 28, 2011, all cribs manufactured and sold (including resale) must comply with new and improved federal safety standards. The new rules, which apply to full-size and non full-size cribs, prohibit the manufacture or sale of traditional drop-side rail cribs, strengthen crib slats and mattress supports, improve the quality of hardware and require more rigorous testing. The details of the rule are available on CPSC's website at [www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr11/cribfinal.pdf](http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr11/cribfinal.pdf).

### **Is this new regulation simply a ban on all drop-side rail cribs?**

No, these are sweeping new safety rules that will bring a safer generation of cribs to the marketplace in 2011. CPSC's new crib standards address many factors related to crib safety in addition to the drop-side rail. A crib's mattress support, slats, and hardware are now required to be more durable and manufacturers will have to test to the new more stringent requirements to prove compliance.

### **Are all drop-side rail cribs "recalled" because of the new regulation?**

There has not been a specific "recall" of all drop-side cribs due to the new regulation. Instead, some manufacturers recently have recalled their cribs in cooperation with the CPSC because a specific defect or risk of harm has been discovered relating to a particular crib. Although these recalls are separate from CPSC's new crib standards, traditional drop-side cribs will not meet the new crib standards that became effective on June 28, 2011, and cribs with traditional drop-sides cannot be sold after that date.

### **Is it okay for me to resell, donate or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards?**

Consumers, thrift stores, child care facilities, family child care homes, and places of public accommodation should not resell, donate or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards, such as trying to resell the product through an online auction site or donating to a local thrift store. CPSC recommends disassembling the crib before discarding it.

### **Is the answer different if a piece ("immobilizer") has been added to my drop-side crib to prevent the side from moving up and down?**

Consumers, thrift stores, child care facilities, family child care homes, and places of public accommodation should not resell, donate or give away a drop-side crib that has an added immobilizer because it still will not meet the new crib standards.

<sup>1</sup>Reproduced from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: <http://www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2011/06/thenew-crib-standard-questions-and-answers/>

## Are churches/church nurseries subject to the new crib standards?

The CPSIA does not provide any exclusion for churches. If a church operates a child care facility, the cribs that it provides must comply with CPSC's crib standards.

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