



CRIB STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The following legislation was passed during the 2012 legislative session, requiring license holders to comply with the new federal standards.

Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.146, subd. 2 is amended to read:

(c) Effective December 28, 2012, the licensed program must maintain documentation that meets federal documentation requirements to show that every full-size and non-full-size crib that is used by or is accessible to any child in care is compliant with federal crib standards under Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1219, for full-size baby cribs, or Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1220, for non-full-size baby cribs.

Beginning December 28, 2012, **ANY** crib provided used by or accessible to any child in care **must meet new and improved federal safety standards**. What you should know...

- The new crib standards apply to all DHS licensed programs serving children, except child foster care. The CPSC does not consider a foster home to be a place of public accommodation and, therefore, not subject to the new crib standards.
- This is more than a drop side issue, and immobilizing a current crib will not make it compliant. The regulations affect most cribs that have been on the market.
- You cannot determine compliance by simply looking at a crib.
- The standards apply to all full-size and non-full-size cribs including wood and metal.
- The new standards do NOT apply to mesh-sided playpens or cribs, which family child care providers are still allowed to use as long as they meet the crib safety requirements under Minnesota Statutes, sections 245A.146 and 245A.1435.
- You cannot determine compliance solely based on the date of purchase of a crib.
- New cribs may contain a permanent marking somewhere on the crib. If available, this marking will document the date of manufacture and the manufacturer.

Beginning December 28, 2012, all cribs that are used by or are accessible to any child in care must either have a permanent marking on the crib showing that the date of manufacture was after June 28, 2011 or manufacturer documentation of compliance for each crib must be provided.

For cribs that do not have a permanent marking, the provider will need to provide **documentation** of compliance. Documentation of compliance must be one of the following:

- A registration card showing date of manufacture after June 28, 2011, or;
- Certificate of Compliance (COC), General Conformity Certificate (GCC) or Children's Product Certificate (CPC) – if available. All three are synonymous. Note: A crib with one of these certificates may have been manufactured prior to June 28, 2011. If that is the case, the



certificate must specify that the crib is certified to comply with 16 CFR 1220 OR 16 CFR 1219 to be considered compliant with the new standards.

Purchase receipts alone are NOT sufficient documentation of compliance.

Examples of a Certificate of Compliance and a Certificate of General Conformity for new cribs to help acquaint you with what a certificate may look like and what is required to be on the certificate:

- [Certificate of Compliance](#)
- [Certificate of General Conformity](#)