



National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention

National Child Death Review Case Reporting System

Narratives Describing Bumper Pad Involvement in Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths*

1. The deceased was a previously healthy one-month-old. The father found the deceased unresponsive, lying prone in a crib, with its face next to bumper pads at the edge of the crib. The deceased had apparently been placed in the crib on a pillow and it appeared the deceased had slid/rolled off the pillow onto his stomach with his face next to the bumper pads.
2. 7 month old infant was wrapped in 2 blankets & placed on stomach in the crib. Mom found the baby's head covered by blankets, lying on his stomach face down & head against the bumpers. There was a deflated bottom between bumper & rail.
3. Infant found dead in crib in prone to semi-prone position (right lateral) with face into bumper pad.
4. Child found against bumper in crib.
5. 6 MO found unresponsive and lying on his side with face fully prone in bumper pad.
6. 19 day old - mother put her head propped face up on top of an adult pillow. After checking on baby, found she was wedged between the pillow and the baby bumpers.
7. 2 mos. old. Autopsy report revealed that child was found in the crib corner with face covered by a bumper guard and the other side against the mattress. Autopsy exam confirmed positional asphyxia with bilateral frothy pulmonary edema, and well demarcated blanched area on the right side of the face and nose, which was the side found close to the bumper guard pad of the crib.
8. This 4 month old infant was placed on his back on a u-shaped pillow in his crib. He was found 6 hours later on his side with his face in the pillow & wedged between the pillow & bumper pads.
9. Deceased is a 24 day old infant who was placed to sleep in a crib with an adult size pillow, and/or wedge pillow. The child was placed to sleep on his side and was found in the morning with his face pressed into the bumper pad.
10. Mother place baby supine on mattress with head resting on adult pillow. He was found by father, baby was prone, and wedged between the adult pillow and the bumpers of the crib.
11. He had been placed on his back, was found face down with his face pressed against the bumper pad in the corner of the crib. He had just begun to roll over recently.
12. Child discovered on tummy with nose pressed into bumper pad on crib

* From a Data download 2/11/16 (of data set approved for research use, n=95,691 total deaths. 2009-2015. Thirteen states reported cases. Only information from narratives related specifically to infant location relative to bumper pads are included.

13. Infant found on tummy with head against bumper pads.
14. Child was put down to sleep by mother in crib, face-down on top of adult pillow. Also in the crib were bumper pads, a blanket, and stuffed animals. Child found off the pillow with face in a corner against the bumper pad.
15. Infant was put to sleep on a bouncing seat inside a crib. There was also a blanket and a pillow in the crib. Parents woke up and found infant unresponsive between the bumper pad and pillow. Cause of death: Suffocation due to unsafe sleep environment.
16. This 2 month old female, died of asphyxia. It was reported that she was found face down in a crib with her face buried in the space between a pillow and bumper pads...bumper pads played a part in the death, passively.
17. Decedent is a 1 year old who was placed face up in his crib and found face down with his head between the bumper and the pillow.
18. Baby Girl was 2 months old. She was found in her crib face-down between a pillow and bumper pillows of the crib...the ME classified this case as a sudden unexplained infant death with an undetermined manner of death and "soft sleeping surface, wedged.
19. 4 month old infant was found prone, with her face to the side, against a crib bumper pad.
20. The infant was placed to sleep in his crib. The crib was noted to have several layers of soft bedding and the infant was placed on a gel mat inside the crib with a blanket not on the infant, but still inside the crib. The mother awoke to check on the baby and found him in prone position completely covered by the blanket with his face pressed into the bumper pads in the crib.
21. Child was found on his side pressed into the bumper pad of the bassinet.
22. Decedent was laid to sleep on his right side in a crib that used rolled up blankets for "bumper pads" and was found unresponsive lying face down in the corner of his crib with his head wedged against these "bumper pads"
23. Deceased is a 6 month old who died due to positional asphyxia. Deceased was found unresponsive in his crib with his face pressed in to a bumper.
24. Mom stated she placed him on his stomach in his crib for a nap. When she went to feed baby she noticed his face was in the side bumper in the crib, facing left. The crib contained a several blankets, thick bumper pad, and a stuffed animal.
25. The father placed him in his crib, on his stomach, on top of an adult pillow to sleep. The father found him unresponsive in his crib, wedged between the pillow and the bumper pad.
26. Deceased is a 23 month old male who was found in his crib with is face completely pressed against the bumper.
27. A 3 month female infant was placed in her crib, on her stomach, her face turned to the side. Discovered on her stomach with her face pressed against the bumper pad. Decedent was covered by blankets.
28. Deceased is a 6 month old male. He was placed face up in his crib covered by light bedding and found face up in his crib with the bumper pad fully covering his face.