



CPSC Safety Alert

Children Can Strangle in Baby Monitor Cords

Seven Children Have Died Since 2002

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning parents and caregivers that cords on baby audio, video, and movement monitors can present a strangulation hazard to infants and toddlers when placed too close to cribs. Since 2002, seven infants and toddlers have strangled with baby monitor cords and three infants and toddlers have nearly strangled. The victims involved have been as young as six months old.

To prevent infants and young children from strangling in monitor cords, CPSC urges parents to:

- Check immediately the location of corded monitors, including those mounted on the wall, to make sure cords are out of arm's reach of their child.
- Place cords at least three feet away from any part of the crib, bassinet, play yard, or other safe sleep environment. If not possible, keep monitors out of baby arm's reach and be aware that what is a safe distance today may change as the baby grows.
- If a movement monitor is used, make sure the sensor cords are taut and not dangling to reduce the strangulation hazard. The manufacturer's instructions should show parents how to handle these cords.



Finally, inspect the home to ensure children do not have access to other products with cords such as decorations with ribbons or streamers, outerwear/jackets with drawstrings, and window coverings. Do not place beds, cribs, play yards, and other furniture close to window blind cords. CPSC recommends the use of cordless window coverings in all homes where children live or visit.

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