



CPSC Safety Alert

CPSC Launches New Effort to Find Recalled Simplicity Cribs Still In Use

Recent Infant Death in a Recalled Simplicity Drop Side Crib Raises Number of Fatalities to 11. Some of the Cribs include the Graco Logo and Winnie-the-Pooh Motif.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers about the dangers associated with recalled Simplicity drop side cribs manufactured by Simplicity Inc. and SFCA Inc., of Reading, Pa. The firms appear to no longer conduct day to day operations.

CPSC has recently been made aware of an additional death which occurred in September 2009 involving a 7-month-old child from Princeton, Kentucky who became entrapped in the crib when a part of it broke. On July 2, 2009, CPSC issued a recall describing the death of an 8-month-old child from Houston, Texas who became entrapped and suffocated between the drop side and the crib mattress when a plastic connector on the drop side broke. CPSC also is aware of an additional 25 incidents involving the drop side detaching from the crib.

To date, CPSC has recalled over 2.1 million Simplicity drop side cribs due to problems with the crib's plastic hardware. The plastic hardware can break or deform, causing the drop side to detach. When the drop side detaches, it creates a space between the drop side and the crib mattress. Infants and toddlers can roll into this space and become entrapped which can lead to suffocation.

Previous Simplicity crib recalls were issued in December 2005, June 2007, September 2007, September 2008 and July 2009. [INSERT LINKS]

All Simplicity drop side cribs have been recalled. Some of the model numbers include but are not limited to: 4600, 4605, 4705, 5000, 8000, 8050, 8324, 8325, 8620, 8740, 8745, 8748, 8750, 8755, 8756, 8760, 8765, 8778, 8800, 8810, 8910, 8993, 8994, 8995, 8996. The recalled drop side cribs were sold in department stores, children's stores, and mass merchandisers nationwide from January 2005 through June 2009 for between \$150 and \$300.



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CPSC is reminding parents and caregivers to check their cribs to see if they have a recalled Simplicity drop side crib. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and find an alternative, safe sleeping environment for their baby. Consumers should not attempt to fix the cribs. Consumers can also check with the retailer where purchased to receive a remedy.