Foundations®

THE WORLD'S #1 HOTEL CRIB

CRIB SAFETY PROTOCOL

BEST PRACTICES FOR HOTEL OWNERS, MANAGEMENT & HOUSEKEEPING



TO YOU IT'S A HOTEL CRIB.
TO YOUR GUESTS IT'S WHERE THEIR BABY SLEEPS.

CRIB SAFETY IS *EVERYONE'S* BUSINESS

Far too often, unsafe sleep events lead to accidental infant injury or death. As tragic as they are, most of these incidents can be avoided with proper education and appropriate sleep environments. When families travel, they depend on you to provide a safe sleep solution for their children.

- ✓ Keep children safe
- ✓ Enhance guest experience
- ✓ Simplify & reduce costs
- ✓ Reduce liability
- ✓ Comply to federal law

[1] CDC, Data and Statistics for SUID and SIDS, 2024

[2] CPSC, Nursery Products Annual Report, 2024



FOR CORPORATE

SPECIFY APPROVED CRIBS & BEDDING

- **Specify commercial-grade cribs** designed for the rigors of hospitality use. Avoid retail cribs not specifically designed for hotels; Foundations cribs are over engineered for commercial use and built to withstand the rigors of hotels.
- **Establish an approved crib and bedding list**, including cribs, play yards, crib mattresses, and properly fitted sheets, and communicate how properties should procure them. Proper bedding is just as important as the proper crib. Improperly fitting bedding creates a suffocation risk. Make sure the crib sheet specified is appropriately fitted for your selected cribs.

ESTABLISH SAFETY & INSPECTION PROCEDURES

- **Develop a crib safety inspection procedure** for property managers and housekeeping, with proper training and resources for safe use.

ENFORCE STANDARDS

- **Require properties to follow approved crib, bedding, and inspection standards** and maintain an adequate number of approved cribs.
- **Request a Certificate of Compliance**



FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

FOLLOW CORPORATE CRIB SPECIFICATIONS

- Follow all corporate crib specifications and safety protocols to provide a safer sleep environment for guests.
- Avoid buying consumer-grade cribs from retailers that are not specifically designed for the rigorous demands of the hospitality environment.

EMPOWER YOUR STAFF

- Maintain a crib safety and inspection procedure and ensure housekeeping follows it.
- Provide all staff with adequate training, time, and resources for routine crib inspection and maintenance.

MAINTAIN COMPLIANT CRIBS & ADEQUATE INVENTORY

- Ensure all cribs at your property meet applicable federal safety standards
- Maintain enough cribs to meet guest demand, especially during peak family travel seasons, helping provide infants with a separate, appropriate sleep space.
- Keep Certificates of Compliance available when required.



FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

INSPECT CRIBS BEFORE EVERY USE

- Check for **loose hardware, sharp edges, and missing or damaged parts** and confirm the crib is compliant based on its manufacture date.
- For play yards, check for **holes or tears in the mesh and fabric** and make sure all side rails lock securely upright.
- If any issue is found, **remove the product from service immediately and notify management.**

CHECK THE MATTRESS, SHEET & SLEEP SPACE

- Make sure the mattress is **firm, undamaged and properly fitted,** with no more than a ½" gap on any side when centered. If the mattress has any holes or tears, it should be replaced. Use only approved replacement mattresses; **use only Foundations mattresses with Foundations cribs.**
- Use a **tight-fitting crib sheet** that cannot be easily pulled from the mattress. NEVER use adult sheets or a folded flat sheet.
- **Keep the crib bare:** no pillows, blankets, bumpers, toys, stuffed animals or other loose items. Extra or loose bedding can be a suffocation hazard and increase a baby's risk of SIDS.

PLACE THE CRIB IN A SAFE LOCATION

- Keep cribs and play yards away from **windows and blind cords** and anything a child could reach or pull into the sleep space.
- Keep away from **pools, heaters, irons and other potential hazards.**
- Be prepared to share information with families on the ABCs of safe sleep:

3,400 babies died suddenly and unexpectedly in the U.S. in 2022. [1]

28% or **947 deaths** were caused by accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed [1]

67% of deaths associated with cribs and mattresses involved cluttered sleep environments or extra bedding. [2]

By working together, we can make crib safety a priority and eliminate unsafe sleep environments. Foundations is your Safe Sleep partner, with the guidance, tools and resources to help hotels put safer practices into action.



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