

Background

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) approved new safety standards for cribs through a unanimous vote December 15, 2010. The requirement for the new regulations was established by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008. Products focused on are both full-size and non-full-size, rigid sided cribs. The regulation does not include mesh sided cribs or play yards.

New Regulations

The new federal regulations to be certified by the CPSC under Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act follow the standards placed by ASTM International (formerly *American Society for Testing and Materials*). The two ASTM International standards covering full-size and non-full-size cribs are ASTM F1169 and ASTM F406. The new regulations implement the following new safety standards:

- Elimination of Drop Sides
- Improvement to the Structural Integrity of Crib Slats
- Increases Severity Vertical Mattress Impact Test
- Horizontal Cyclic Test
- Elimination of Wood Screws from Key Structural Elements
- Reduction of Toehold Exposure
- Marketing and Labeling Improvements

Key Dates

June 28, 2011 (6 months after the publication of the Federal Register)

All cribs manufactured and sold must meet new standards.

December 28, 2012 (24 months after the publication of the Federal Register)

All cribs manufactured, sold, *and used* in a commercial childcare setting and hospitality environments (i.e. inns, hotels) must be in compliance to the new regulations.

Cribs Sold by Hatch

Cribs, including drop-side cribs, compliant with current safety standards at the time of manufacture, which have not been subject to recall, may stay in service until December 2012. At the time of the publication of this policy there are no known recalls or safety standard violations on cribs that have been sold by Hatch.

Retro-Fitting

There is not a retro-fitting kit available to create compliance on previously sold cribs by Hatch® and manufactured by Foundations® to the required standards for December 2012.

Purchasing Cribs from Hatch Today

New crib products have been reviewed by the Hatch Product Selection and Hatch Materials Management team. The new crib products that meet all new compliance standards required for implementation by our customers by December 2012 and will be available for shipment April 2011.

Hatch Safety Commitment

Hatch is committed to safety in the classroom and strives to ensure that all products offered by Hatch are safe - meeting and complying with all applicable regulations.

References:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization <http://www.icphso.org/>

American Society for Testing and Materials <http://www.astm.org>

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