



- When there is “some assembly required”, check the instruction manual to be sure there are illustrations and the text is presented in a clear and concise manner.
- The mattress should have sturdy support and fit snugly. Avoid cribs that will not support the mattress AND a baby that is 1 to 2 years of age (depending on how long you expect your baby to sleep in the crib) and remember that when baby learns that the bed bounces....
- No more than two of your fingers should fit between the edge of the mattress and the side of the crib.
- The mattress adjustment mechanism should be on the highest setting for only the first three months. Then place the mattress at the lowest level and keep it there. At the higher settings, a baby can manage to "catapult" themselves over the side.
- There should be a minimum of 24" from the top edge of the mattress and the top of the railings.
- Check for teething rails on all 4 sides.
- By law, there has to be a double-locking mechanism if the drop side moves. Test the device yourself to be sure that you can adjust it with a baby in your arms.
- Be sure that there are no more than 2 3/8 inches between the crib slats and that no slats are missing, broken, or loose.
- Shake and push the crib to check for “wobble”. The less wobble, the better.
- If the crib has casters, are they wide, double-wheeled and can they be easily removed?