

New Federal Crib Safety Standards, published into law 12/28/10

Becker's wants to share the most current crib information available with our valued customers. In interest of clarity, the following list highlights the new federal safety standards:

- ❖ Eliminates drop side
- ❖ Improvements to structural integrity of slats
- ❖ Increased severity vertical mattress impact test
- ❖ Horizontal cyclic test
- ❖ Elimination of wood screws from key structural elements
- ❖ Reduction of toehold exposure
- ❖ Marking and labeling improvements

There will be a 2 year timeframe for centers to meet compliance, and all cribs shipped from Becker's will be provided with a certificate of compliance from Foundations Worldwide, the primary provider of our cribs. There is no recall on current Foundations cribs; they will simply become non-compliant in 2 years. We will continue to update you further should additional information become available.

FAQ's

Why is there new legislation?

There has been no change in the federal regulations for over 30 years, and in that time there have been multiple injuries and crib related deaths such that the standards in place warranted review. The new legislation is intended to improve the overall quality and safety of cribs.

Is there a retrofit available for existing cribs?

No, the new legislation addresses more than just fixed sides. It includes the structural integrity, more stringent testing requirements, changes to hardware, and improved labeling requirements.

How long do I have to replace my existing cribs?

Two years from the date the legislation was published into law (12/28/10), so you will have until 12/28/12 to comply.

How soon can I replace my existing cribs with compliant cribs?

Becker's has container loads of compliant cribs in stock and more on order. Compliant cribs began shipping on 2/1/11.

Do I also need to purchase new evacuation sets?

Yes, the current evacuation set will not fit the new Foundations design.

How do I know if the new cribs I purchase meet the new regulations?

All cribs purchased should include a Certificate of Compliance (COC). Before making any purchases, ensure they come with a COC. All of the cribs in the 2012 Becker's catalog meet the new compliance codes.

Will there be enough cribs to meet the demand?

With planned purchases, there should be ample inventory to meet the overall demand over a 2 year period. Becker's continues to order container loads to ensure availability.

What should I tell the parents?

Explain that you continue to be well-informed and will meet compliance in a timely way without jeopardizing the quality and safety of your program.

What do I do now?

We are happy to offer you a quote or put you in contact with your Becker's sales associate who can assist you throughout the process to ensure a seamless and stress-free experience.

Cribs will be available on a first come - first serve basis. We will continue to receive cribs over the two year span to ensure availability. When ordering, specify delivery date request. If the inventory is not reserved for previously placed orders, you will receive your cribs as requested. Any shipping date changes will be communicated to you at time of order receipt. We are here to assist you and will communicate with you every step of the way.

For further information, visit the CPSC crib information center at www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html , see "rulemaking"