



KIDS IN DANGERSM

10 Years of Dedication 1998-2008

Protecting Children by Improving Children's Product Safety

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Good morning. My name is Sarah Chusid. I am Program Director of Kids In Danger, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety.

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Since our founding in 1998, KID has been working to improve the safety of children's products, including sleep environments. KID was founded after the death of Danny Keysar in a recalled portable crib. It turned out that crib had been recalled five years earlier. To this day, more than 10 years after Danny's death, these recalled cribs are still found in use and for sale in the second hand market. For each of these recent recalls of a million cribs, past recalls tell us that over 850,000 of them will remain unaccounted for. That is unacceptable.

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We join Attorney General Lisa Madigan in calling for CPSC to step up its enforcement of safety regulations, along with recall effectiveness. Manufacturers and CPSC must do more to ensure the safety of sleeping environments.

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- Cribs should be tested to more stringent standards;
- all reports of failure must be reported and investigated;
- recalls must be announced in a timely matter,
- with real efforts made to recover the dangerous products.

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KID will work with this office and our allies in consumer and children's organizations to encourage CPSC to take stronger action to keep dangerous cribs out of homes and off store shelves.

We applaud the work of the Illinois Attorney General's office in protecting Illinois consumers from unsafe products. The actions announced today, along with this resource for families on safe sleep environments are crucial steps in keeping children safe.

We urge parents and caregivers to take three important steps to safety.

- Learn about the problem – at our website, kidsindanger.org and through materials such as those presented here today.
- Check your own products for recalls. This includes cribs and bassinets, but also high chairs, strollers, toys and numerous other products.
- Take action. Spread the word about the resources for safety at the Attorney General's website and kidsindanger.org. Report any problems you might have with a crib or bassinet or other children's products to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Illinois Attorney General's office.

Again, we thank Attorney General Lisa Madigan and her staff for being true champions for the safety of our children.

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