



Stop! **Is your donation safe?**



Each year, tens of thousands of children are injured and an average of 50 children under age 5 die in incidents associated with nursery products. Children's products are recalled as often as twice a week. Yet information about the recalls rarely reaches parents and caregivers. This means that millions of dangerous recalled products are still in use—maybe even yours. Don't pass this danger on to other families. **Help keep kids safe.**

Safety checklist for donating children's products

- Before making your donation, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) online at www.cpsc.gov to be sure your children's product has not been recalled and that it meets current safety standards. For car seats, visit www.nhtsa.gov.
- Do not donate items that are broken or missing pieces. This is especially true for items that need to be assembled, such as cribs.
- Do not donate older model cribs or car seats that do not meet current safety standards. Cribs and car seats over 5 years old are too old to be reused.
- Do not donate baby bath seats or bath rings, baby walkers, or sleep positioners as these are not safe for use.
- Never donate a car seat or bike helmet that has been involved in a crash as it won't protect adequately in the next one.
- Include manufacturer information, instructions, or product registration cards with donations, when possible. These are sometimes available for download from the manufacturer's website. This is very important with cribs as a missing screw can cause a fatal entrapment hazard.
- Remove ties on clothing such as hooded sweatshirts as these can cause strangulation.
- Locking devices, latches, brakes, hardware, and safety restraints should be checked on all items.
- Sign up on the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website to receive e-mail alerts about product recalls.

Tips for keeping your children safe

- Contact the CPSC and the manufacturer if you have reason to believe a product is dangerous. It is only through consumer complaints that many dangerous products have been removed from the market.
- Tell friends, childcare providers, and relatives to take similar measures against recalled products and exercise caution with secondhand products.
- Visit **Kids in Danger** at www.KidsInDanger.org for more information and to receive monthly recall email alerts and product safety news updates.



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