



IMPROVING  
CHILDREN'S  
PRODUCT  
SAFETY

## MOST (UN)WANTED

A few of the most dangerous products seen in KID's 15 year history. When KID was founded in 1998, there was no requirement that children's products be tested for safety before they were sold. Thanks to a landmark 2008 law, strong safety standards for many products are in place or being developed. Even so, thousands of children are injured and more than 100 killed each year from unsafe juvenile products.

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### Older model and drop side cribs



Dozens of babies have died in unsafe cribs and 12 million cribs have been recalled since 2007 for safety hazards. Many of the recalled cribs and deaths involved cribs with movable sides. The *strongest crib standards in the world*, which went into effect in 2011, will address many of the issues that made these products unsafe.

Even though cribs have new, tough standards, many dangerous older or recalled cribs remain in use. If your crib was manufactured prior to June 28, 2011, check [CPSC.gov](http://CPSC.gov) to see if it has been recalled. Even if it hasn't been recalled, cribs that meet the new standard are much safer.

### Unsafe play yards and portable cribs

At least 19 children have died in collapsed portable cribs or play yards with rotating top-rail hinges, including KID founders' son Danny Keysar.

In February 2013, testing standards became more rigorous for play yards. They include stronger corner brackets, sturdier mattress attachments, and side rails that resist forming a sharp "V" when folded.



Other play yard models have been recalled recently for tip over, latching, and entrapment hazards.

### Crib bumper pads, sleep positioners and other infant sleep products



The safest place for babies to sleep is in a bare crib on their backs. Bumper pads, comforters, sleep positioners and other bedding create a suffocation risk and may increase the risk of SIDS.

Bumper pads are a soft bedding accessory that attach to the sides of the crib. This product is marketed to decorate the crib and protect infants from minor bumps and bruises. Research has linked this product to dozens of infant deaths.



Sleep positioners have been marketed with claims to reduce the risk of SIDS and encourage back sleeping but they have been known to suffocate children when they are not able to move their face away from the wedge.

Other sleep products, such as the Nap Nanny, have recently entered the market. The sleep recliner for infants allows for inclined sleep and is responsible for the death of 5 infants plus nearly 100 injuries to babies getting stuck in unsafe positions which have resulted in its recall. Be wary of new, hybrid products that have not been tested for safety.



## Magnets

Tiny magnets can fall out of toy sets and be ingested by small children. When more than one is swallowed, they can attract, causing intestinal perforation, infection, and potentially fatal injuries.



Recently, high powered magnet sets have become popular. The sets are made up of over 100 high powered rare earth materials. They are marketed as adult desk toys; however, they often end up in the hands and bodies of children. Despite the fact that the magnet sets have only been available for a few years, the CPSC has estimated over 1,700 cases of ingestions. 80% of ingestions required endoscopic or surgical intervention.

## Products without strong safety standards

Some of the most dangerous products out there are products that don't fit any one category and therefore have had little or no safety testing prior to hitting store shelves.

4 million Bumbos were recalled in 2012 after 84 incidents to small children, 21 of which were skull fractures. Babies were injured when they tipped the seat over or fell out the seat. Many of these injuries took place when the seat was on a raised surface.



The recall involves getting a restraint strap and a new warning label to reinforce the message that the product should only be used on the floor. KID advises parents and caregivers to not use the seat until you [get and install the restraint strap](#).

Some products have improved their safety testing and standards over the years, but many products still have little to no testing, leaving children to find their hazards. To keep up with child product safety issues including recalls, visit [KidsInDanger.org](http://KidsInDanger.org) and [sign up for our email alerts](#).

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