



# CPSC Safety Alert

## Air Mattresses Are Not For Infants

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning families that air mattresses are too soft for use with sleeping infants. Never place infants to sleep on air mattresses or other soft surfaces (such as water beds and adult beds), which are not specifically designed or safe for infant use.

CPSC has received reports of deaths, mostly infants younger than 8 months of age who were placed to sleep on air mattresses and:

- suffocated in a face down position on an air mattress or;
- died due to suffocation after falling into gaps between the mattress and bed frame and mattress and adjacent furniture or wall.

Generic twin-, full-, or queen-sized inflatable mattresses are usually intended for adults and older children. Even properly-inflated air mattresses are usually too soft for infants to maintain a clear airway. Air leaks and under-inflation also contribute to incidents. Pay close attention to product warnings and assembly instructions.



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