



INFANT SLEEP REGULATIONS

Supplier Guidance

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Infant Sleep Products Safety Standard and information standard Infant Sleep & Inclined Non-Sleep Products

Background

On 18 July 2024, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) introduced two new mandatory safety standards aimed at reducing the risk of death and injury linked to products used by infants during sleep. An 18-month transition period has been provided to help suppliers adjust and implement the necessary changes.

From 19 January 2026, businesses must fully comply with these new requirements.

Regulations

There are two mandatory standards:

- **Consumer Goods (Infant Sleep Products) Safety Standard 2024**
 - **Consumer Goods (Infant Products) Information Standard 2024**
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What Products Are Covered?

These regulations apply to:

- **Infant sleep products** (products designed for babies to sleep in)
 - **Inclined non-sleep products** (products where infants may fall asleep, even if not intended for sleep)
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What Products Are *Not* Covered?

The regulations do *not* apply to:

- Accessories used with infant sleep products
- Products already covered by other existing product safety or information standards
- Products that are not marketed or supplied as sleep products (even if an infant might fall asleep in them), except antique or collectable cots
- Medical devices regulated under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*
- Products designed to carry a baby on a person's body (e.g., baby carriers or wraps)

Secondhand Goods

The new regulations generally **do not apply** to secondhand infant products—**except** in the following situations:

1. Imported Secondhand Sleep Products

The regulations **do apply** if the product:

- Is an *infant sleep product*, and
- Was *secondhand* at the time it was **imported** into Australia

2. Antique or Collectable Cots

These products must meet the new regulations, even when sold secondhand.

Note: Products that were originally sold as new in Australia and are now offered secondhand **are not required** to comply with the new standards—**unless** they fall into one of the two categories above.

Note to Sellers

All suppliers, retailers, and marketplace sellers—including online platforms—must comply with both mandatory standards:

- **Consumer Goods (Infant Sleep Products) Safety Standard 2024**
- **Consumer Goods (Infant Products) Information Standard 2024**

This includes mandatory:

- **Testing**
- **Labelling**
- **Product information and warnings**

The required information must be clearly provided:

- On **product packaging**
- In **instruction manuals**
- At **point of sale**
- In **all online listings or advertisements**

 **Compliance is mandatory from 19 January 2026.**

What Products Are Covered by the Mandatory Standards?

The **Consumer Goods (Infant Sleep Products) Safety Standard 2024** applies to **infant sleep products**—these are products **designed and marketed for infants to sleep in**, or for soothing/settling an infant in a position where sleep may occur.

These products typically include a flat or inclined surface where a baby may lie.

Covered Products Include (but are not limited to):

- Bassinets
 - Cradles
 - Co-sleepers
 - Bedside sleepers
 - Inclined sleepers
 - Household cots
 - Portable folding cots
 - Mattresses
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Inclined Products That Fall Under the Standard

If an inclined product is **marketed or intended** to be used for sleep or for soothing/settling an infant and includes a surface for the infant to lie on, it **is covered** by the safety standard.

This includes products such as:

- Bouncers
- Hammocks
- Recliners
- Rockers
- Swings
- Highchairs



Even if a product has multiple functions, if it can be used for infant sleep or settling, **it must comply** with the safety standard.

Examples of Products That Will NOT Meet the New Standard

Some products **cannot comply** with the mandatory safety requirements due to their design:

- Inclined sleepers
- Sleep products that include a harness or restraint

These products are considered unsafe for infant sleep and will not be permitted under the new regulation.

Inclined Wedges

Where inclined wedges are supplied as part of an infant sleep product, they must be tested to and comply with the incline requirement – maximum 7° degree (Division 2 – General Requirements).

Sold as a separate item, inclined wedges would be considered as an accessory and therefore exempt from the regulation.

NOTE: these accessory products when used may result in an unsafe infant sleeping environment with an incline greater than 7° degrees. A warning highlighting the risk of an inclined sleeping surface should be supplied with inclined wedges sold as an accessory.

The use of inclined Wedge products is NOT RECOMMENDED by INPAA.

Sleep Positioners / Restraints

Sleep positioners or restraints sold as a component of an infant sleep product are included in the mandatory requirements and under Division 2 General Requirements (Clause 20) are banned.

Sleep Positioners sold separately are considered as an accessory and are exempt from the regulation.

The use of sleep positioners is NOT RECOMMENDED by INPAA.

Sleep Nests

These products are to be treated as inclined non-sleep products. They must carry warnings and under no circumstances should they be used or promoted to be used in an infant sleep environment.

Any marketing of sleep nests that imply or encourage infant sleep must comply to the infant sleep product standards. Due to the soft sides and mattress, it is likely they will fail and will be considered non-compliant.

Playpens

If a playpen is promoted, advertised, or marketed as suitable for infant sleep — or if packaging or advertising includes words or images showing an infant sleeping — **the product must comply** with both the Infant Sleep Safety Standard and the Inclined Infant Non-Sleep Product Information Standard.

If the sole purpose of a playpen is for play then the product must be clearly marked with

 WARNING  “This playpen is not suitable to be used as a sleeping environment”.

Suppliers and retailers should refer to the INPAA Vertical Application Guide No 5 Playpens.

Mandatory Testing for Infant Sleep Products

All infant sleep products must be **tested and comply** with the **Consumer Goods (Infant Sleep Products) Safety Standard 2024**.

General Safety Requirements (Apply to All Products)

Testing must confirm the product meets critical safety benchmarks, including:

- **Incline – horizontal** (to ensure the base is flat and safe for sleep)
- **Incline – vertical** (to prevent unsafe angles that could lead to rolling or slumping)
- **Curvature** (to ensure proper support and avoid hazardous shapes)
- **Surface rigidity** (to avoid soft surfaces that increase suffocation risk)
- **Mattress specifications** (if applicable)
- **Material of the sides** (e.g., breathability, firmness)
- **Restraint systems – prohibited** (no harnesses or straps allowed for sleep)
- **Castors or wheels** (must meet stability and locking requirements)
- **Entanglement hazards** (no loose cords, loops, or openings)
- **Fit for purpose** (overall suitability and safety for infant sleep)
- **Locking mechanisms** (where applicable, must be secure and reliable)
- **Materials and components** (must meet chemical and structural safety requirements)
- **Entrapment hazards** (no gaps that can trap a child’s head or limbs)
- **Small parts** (must not detach or present choking hazards)

Mandatory Information Standard

Consumer Goods (Infant Products) Information Standard 2024

This standard applies to:

- **All infant sleep products**
- Any **infant product with an inclined surface** that an infant may lie on—even if it is *not* intended or marketed for sleep

Products must include clear and accessible information about:

- **Assembly and use**
- **Recommended mattress size** (if applicable)
- **Safety warnings**
- **Manufacturer origin marking** (must be printed directly on the product)

These requirements are designed to help parents and caregivers use products safely and confidently.

Warning Requirements where to use

Required warnings for infant sleep and inclined non-sleep products must be on the following:

1. Product
2. Accompanied with instructions
3. Outer packaging
4. Instore display
5. Online platforms

For All Infant Sleep Products

The following warnings are **mandatory** and must be:

- **Clear, prominent, and legible**
- **Permanently attached** to the product
- **Visible every time the product is used**

WARNING

- **INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.**
- **PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.**
- **DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.**
- **DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.**

Additional Warnings for bassinets, co-sleepers, bedside sleepers, and cradles,

Consumer Goods (Infant Sleep) Safety Standard 2024 Division 3 – Subdivision A – Specific requirements for bassinets Clause 33 Warnings”

the following warning must also be applied:

- **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT WHEN AN INFANT BEGINS TO PUSH UP ON HANDS AND KNEES OR HAS REACHED [insert manufacturer's recommended maximum weight], WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.**

Mattress Warning Requirements

Infant mattresses are also covered under the regulations and must include warning labels.

- The warning must be **clearly printed on the top surface** of the mattress
 - It must follow the same rules for **visibility, permanence, and legibility** as other product warnings
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Infant Inclined Non-Sleep Products

Products with an **inclined surface** that are **not designed or marketed for sleep**, but where an infant may lie, must include **additional safety warnings**. These are intended to:

- **Discourage use for infant sleep**, and
 - **Remind caregivers not to leave infants unattended**
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Required Warnings (on product)

The following warnings must be **clearly displayed on the product** itself. They must be:

- **Prominent**
- **Legible**
- **Durable** (permanently attached and visible during use)

Mandatory wording:



- **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT FOR INFANT SLEEP.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE INFANT IN THIS PRODUCT UNSUPERVISED.**
- **INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.**
- **PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.**
- **DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.**
- **DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.**

Additional Requirements

These warnings must also appear:

- In the **product's instruction manual**
- On the **outer packaging** of the product

Consumer Display Packaging Warning Requirements

For Infant Sleep Products

The following safety warnings must appear **on the product packaging** and be:

- Clear
- Prominent
- Legible

Required packaging warnings:

WARNING

- **INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.**
- **PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.**
- **DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.**
- **DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.**

For Inclined Non-Sleep Products

Inclined non-sleep products must include packaging warnings to discourage sleep use and promote safe supervision.

Required packaging warnings:

WARNING

- **DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT FOR INFANT SLEEP.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE INFANT IN THIS PRODUCT UNSUPERVISED.**
- **INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.**
- **PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.**
- **DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.**
- **DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.**

Warning Symbol & Text Sizing

- The warning symbol, hazard word and warning statements sizes are specified in relation to the main display face area.
- The word **WARNING** shall be in **BOLD UPPERCASE** letters.
- The warning statements shall be in **UPPERCASE** letters.

Packaging Main Display Area (cm ²)	Hazard Triangle (minimum)	Hazard Word (minimum)	Hazard Statements (minimum)
+0-2500	6.0 mm	5 mm	2.5 mm
+2501-5000	7.5 mm	6.5 mm	3.5 mm
+5001-8000	10.0 mm	9.0 mm	5.0 mm
8001+	12.0 mm	11.0 mm	6.0 mm

Label Appearance – Best Practice Design

To ensure legibility and compliance, warning labels should follow this industry-accepted style:

- **Background:** Contrasting colour to product surface
- **Text:** Black
- **Typeface:** Helvetica or similar sans-serif font
- **Warning triangle symbol:**
 - Use **Pantone PMS Yellow C** or **Pantone PMS 137 C**
 - With **black border and exclamation mark**



Plastic Packaging or Wrapping (All Products)

If the product is packaged using plastic wrapping, the packaging must display the following suffocation warning:

WARNING

- **TO AVOID DANGER OF SUFFOCATION TO BABIES AND CHILDREN, DISPOSE OF PLASTIC PACKAGING IMMEDIATELY.**

SAFETY ALERT SPECIFICATIONS

Safety Alert Symbol

The safety alert symbol must be used with warnings.

The minimum accepted size for the safety alert symbol is 6mm.

The height is measured from the top of the triangle to the base of the triangle



Important: Always check the regulations and applicable product standards for the specific warnings required for product type.

Plastic Packaging Best Practice Guidance

INPAA recommends that suppliers use Clause 10 of the household cot standard AS/NZS 2172:2013 for guidance on plastic packaging. This specifies requirements for Flexible Plastic Packaging or wrapping, which is a bag, capable of being formed into a bag or capable of forming an opening with a circumference of 350mm or more and a depth of 130mm or more, shall be either-

- a) Perforated with round holes of at least 5mm in diameter (or other shaped holes of equivalent area) so that when the whole of a square template (measuring 150mm along each side) is placed anywhere on the packaging the template will completely cover at least one of the perforation holes: or
- b) Made from a plastic material that has a thickness of 38 microns or more and carry a cautionary label similar to the following:

WARNING: TO AVOID DANGER OF SUFFOCATION TO BABIES AND CHILDREN DISPOSE OF THIS IMMEDIATELY.

NOTE: The dimensions of 350mm and 130mm are measured after the packaging has been spread out to its fullest extent without distorting.

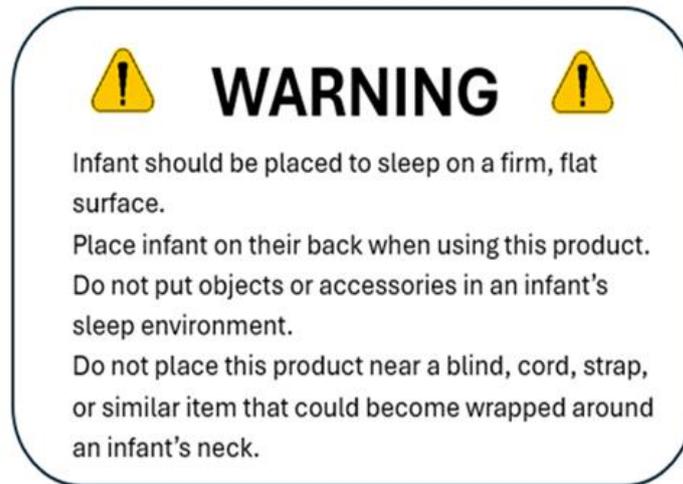
Additionally, plastic bags that are less than 38 microns that are often used to pack assembly items such as bolts and screws, do not require warnings on the bag

WARNING LABEL EXAMPLES

The following are examples of a warning labels that cover the intent of the mandatory information standard and would meet the requirements of being visible and prominently displayed when positioned as per our best practice guidance.

Infant sleep product (household cot or portable cot) warning

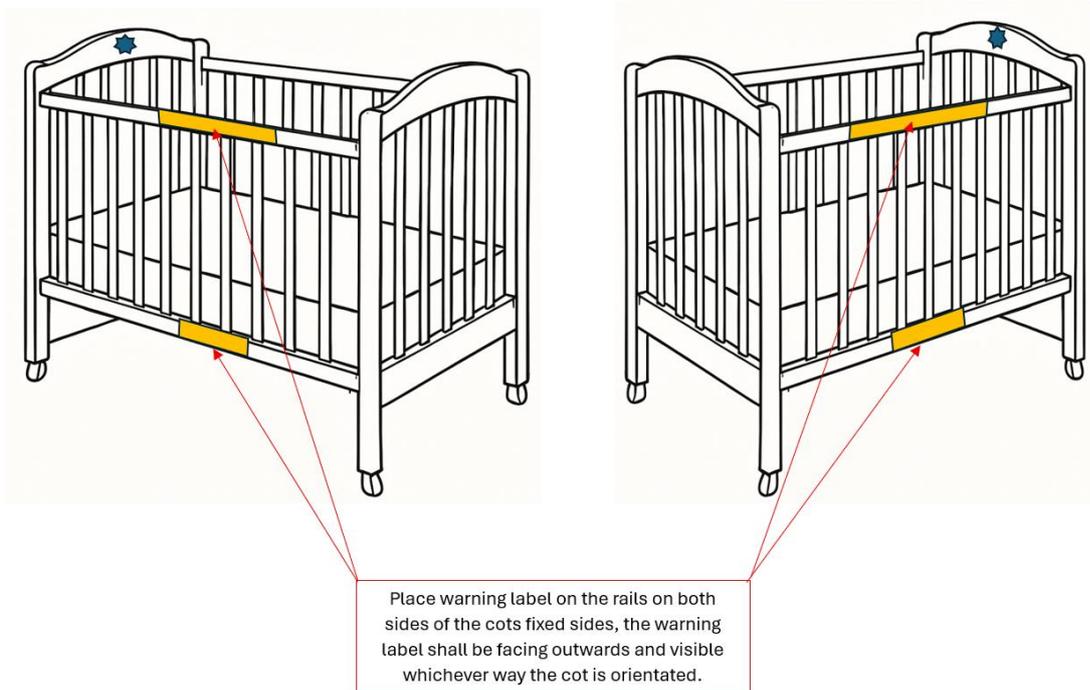
Examples of label



compliant placement

Fixed Side Cots

Warning Label Placement



Drop Side Cots
Warning Label Placement

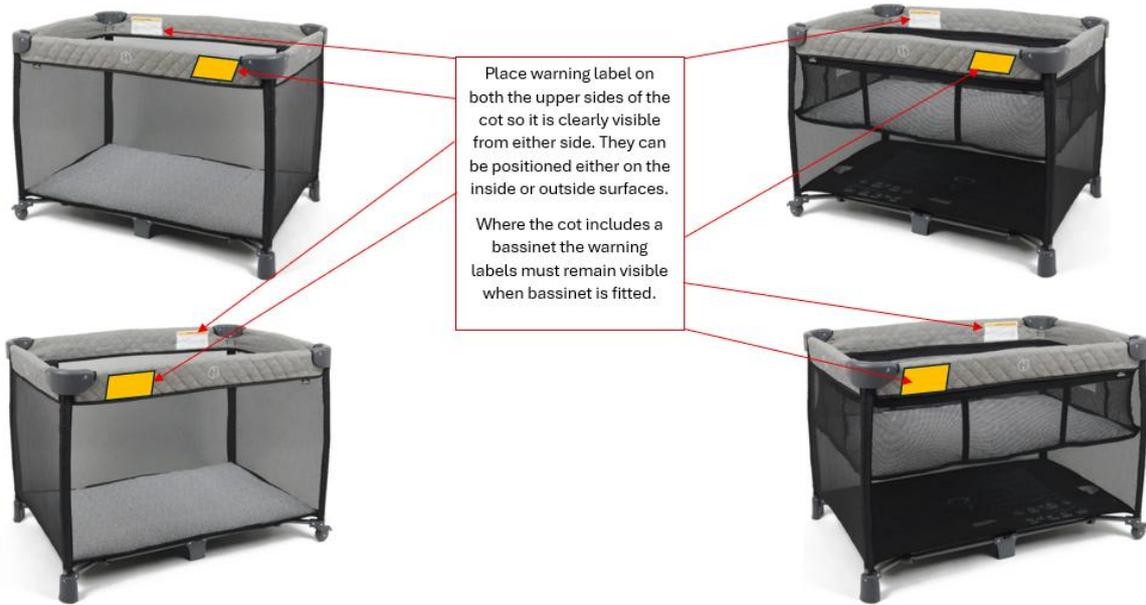


Example of NON-COMPLIANT label placement



Example of a non compliant label on a cot

Portacots Warning Label Placement



Infant sleep product (bassinet, co-sleeper, bedside sleeper) warning



WARNING



Infant should be placed to sleep on a firm, flat surface.

Place infant on their back when using this product.

Do not put objects or accessories in an infant's sleep environment.

Do not place this product near a blind, cord, strap, or similar item that could become wrapped around an infant's neck.

Do not use this product when the infant begins to push up on hands and knees or has reached *[insert manufacturer's recommended maximum weight]*, whichever comes first

Examples of compliant label placement

Bassinets, Cradles & Bedside Sleepers

Warning Label Placement



Place warning label on both the upper sides of the sleep devices so it is clearly visible from either side. They can be positioned either on the inside or outside surfaces.



Bedside sleepers that incorporate a side that can be lowered shall include the warning label on the upper internal surface to ensure it is facing the carer when in use.



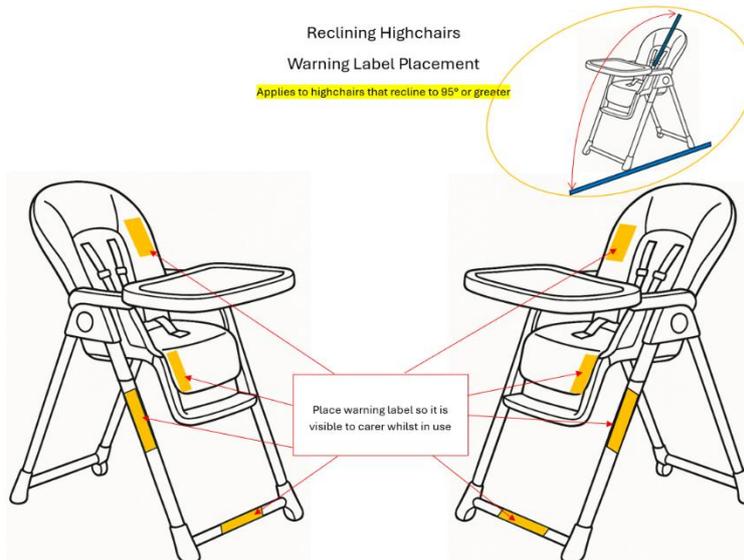
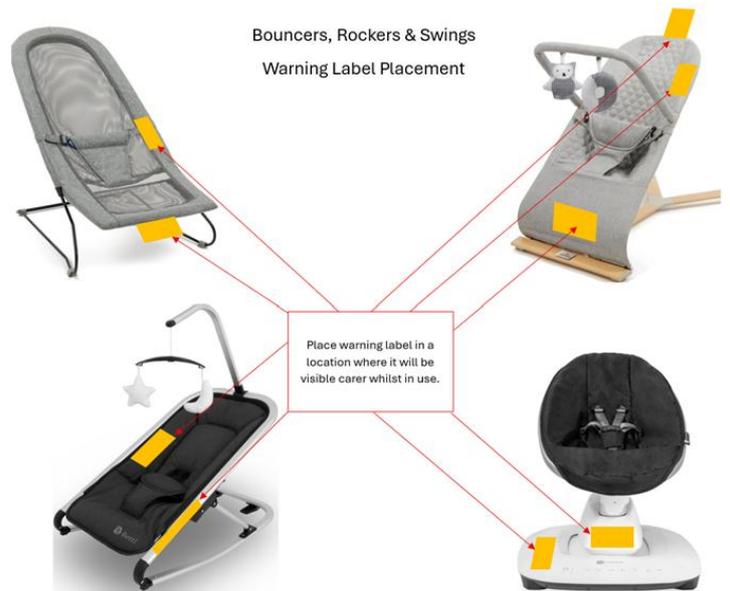
Inclined non-sleep infant product warning

Examples of placement

WARNING

Do not use this product for infant sleep.
Do not leave infant in this product unsupervised.
Infant should be placed to sleep on a firm, flat surface.
Place infant on their back when using this product.
Do not put objects or accessories in an infant's sleep environment.
Do not place this product near a blind, cord, strap, or similar item that could become wrapped around an infant's neck.

compliant label



Best Practice: Application of Safety Warnings

To ensure compliance and improve caregiver awareness, **safety warnings must be applied in multiple locations and follow specific formatting and placement rules.**

Where Must Warnings Be Displayed?

Warnings must appear in all the following locations:

- **Directly on the product**
 - **On product packaging or display packaging**
 - **Inside user and instruction manuals**
 - **In online product listings** (including feature lists)
 - **At point of sale** — attached to display models or shown on nearby placards or signage
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Placement Requirements

All warnings must be:

- **Prominently positioned** so they are clearly **visible and legible during use**
- **Strategically placed** based on how the product is used — so that **caregivers can see them** when the product is in normal operating position
- **Not obscured** — for example, **do not place a label on a surface that will be covered (e.g., under a mattress)**

Recommended Placement by Product Type:

- **Cots**
 - Apply warnings to **both lower outward-facing side rails** on fixed-side cots, or the **fixed and drop side** on drop-side models.
 - **Portable / Folding Cots**
 - Apply to **both upper outward-facing sides or ends**
 - Follow **Clause 9 of AS/NZS 2195:2010**, e.g., label must be **sewn on all edges and non-removable**
 - **Bassinets**
 - For wooden frames: apply to **both lower outward-facing side rails**
 - For fabric-sided models: apply to **upper outward-facing sides**
 - For electronic models: apply to the **surface of the display panel**
 - **Bedside Sleepers**
 - Apply to the **upper inward and outward-facing non-lowering side**
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Warning Symbol & Text Sizing

- **Warning triangle symbol:** Minimum **6 mm height**
- **Word “WARNING”:** Bold **UPPERCASE**, at least **5 mm height**
- **Other warning text:** Minimum **2.5 mm height** (uppercase letters)



These sizes align with best practices from:

- AS/NZS 2195:2010 (*Folding cots – Safety requirements*)
- AS 2088:2022 (*Prams and strollers – Safety requirements*)

Label Appearance – Best Practice Design

To ensure legibility and compliance, warning labels should follow this industry-accepted style:

- **Background:** Contrasting colour to product surface
- **Text:** Black
- **Typeface:** Helvetica or similar sans-serif font
- **Warning triangle symbol:**
 - Use **Pantone PMS Yellow C** or **Pantone PMS 137 C**
 - With **black border and exclamation mark**



Product Markings & Instructions – Requirements for Infant Products

Product Markings – Manufacturer or Importer

Every infant product must be **clearly and permanently marked** with manufacturer or importer details.

- **For Products Manufactured in Australia or New Zealand:**
Must include either:
 - The **manufacturer’s name and address**, or
 - The **manufacturer’s trademark and address**
- **For Products Manufactured Outside Australia or New Zealand:**
Must include both:
 - The **country of origin**
 - The **Australian importer or distributor’s name**

Instructions – Mandatory Inclusions (Clause 8 of the Information Standard)

The following **instructional information must be provided** with each product, in **clear, written text**:



Assembly & Setup

If the product is **not supplied fully assembled**, include:

- Step-by-step **assembly instructions**
- A **complete list of parts**

If the product can be **folded or collapsed**:

- Instructions on **how to fold/collapse and re-erect** the product

If the product is used with a **mattress**:

- The **recommended mattress dimensions** (length, width, thickness)
- Advice that sleep surfaces such as a mattress should be pushed down into the sleep product before use to ensure it is fully inserted and flat on the sleep products base.

If the product has **adjustable height**:

- Instructions for correct and safe **height adjustments**
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Required Warnings – General Use

These warnings **must be included in the instructions**:

-  **WARNING:** Check this product regularly before using it. Do not use it if any part is loose, missing, or shows signs of damage. Do not substitute parts.
 - Contact the manufacturer for replacement parts or additional instructions.
 - Infant should be placed to sleep on a firm, flat surface.
 - Place infant on their back when using this product.
 - Do not put objects or accessories in an infant’s sleep environment.
 - Do not place this product near a blind, cord, strap, or similar item that could become wrapped around an infant’s neck.
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Additional Warnings by Product Type

For Bassinets, Co-Sleepers & Bedside Sleepers

- Do not use this product once the infant begins to push up on hands and knees or reaches the **manufacturer’s recommended weight limit** — whichever comes first.

For Inclined Non-Sleep Products

- **DO NOT** use this product for infant sleep.
 - **DO NOT** leave the infant in this product unsupervised.
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Include All Other Relevant Safety Info

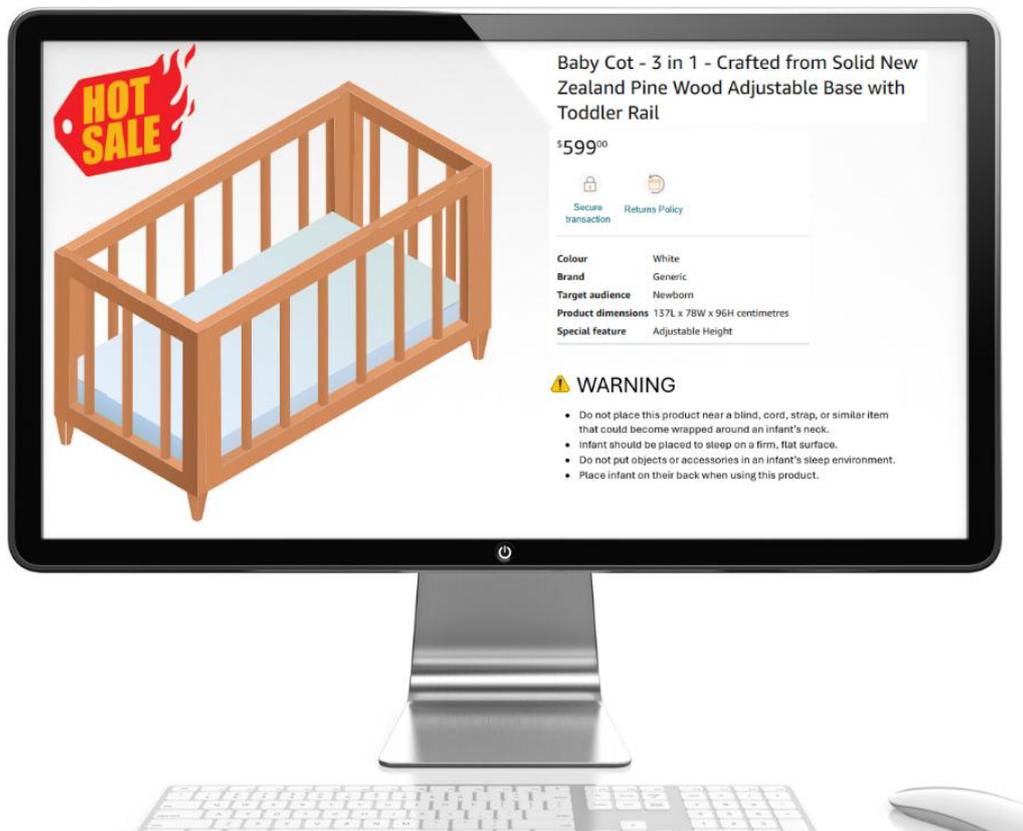
Ensure any **other critical safety or maintenance instructions** are also included to assist safe use by consumers.

ONLINE WARNINGS

For infant sleep products

WARNING

- INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.
- PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.
- DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.
- DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.



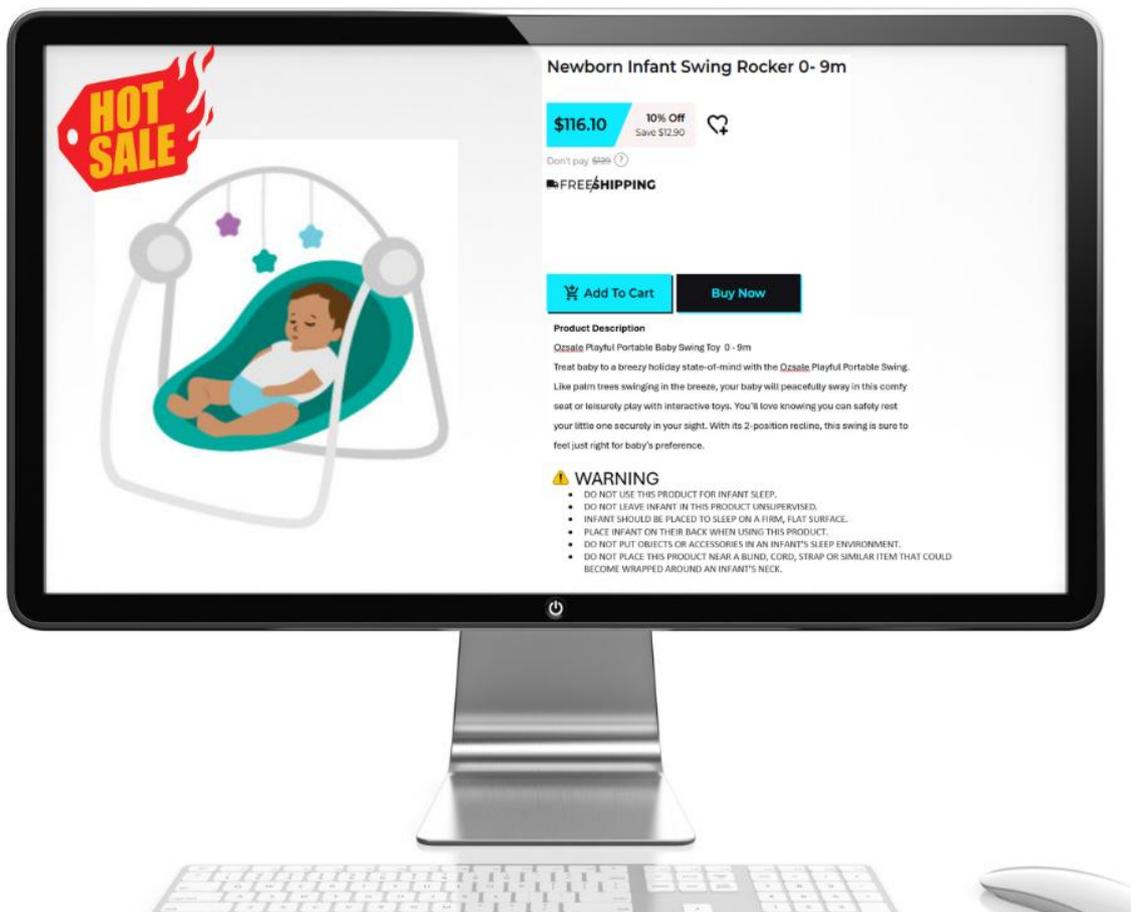
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ONLINE WARNINGS

For infant inclined non-sleep products

WARNING

- DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT FOR INFANT SLEEP.
- DO NOT LEAVE INFANT IN THIS PRODUCT UNSUPERVISED.
- INFANT SHOULD BE PLACED TO SLEEP ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE.
- PLACE INFANT ON THEIR BACK WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT.
- DO NOT PUT OBJECTS OR ACCESSORIES IN AN INFANT'S SLEEP ENVIRONMENT.
- DO NOT PLACE THIS PRODUCT NEAR A BLIND, CORD, STRAP OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT COULD BECOME WRAPPED AROUND AN INFANT'S NECK.



 **CONSUMERS NEED TO VIEW WARNINGS IN DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND NOT JUST AS A PICTURE IN A CAROUSEL**

Suppliers, retailers, marketplace operators and sellers must take specific steps before they import and supply products to ensure:

- ☞ products you are supplying and promoting comply with the mandatory requirements for safety and information.
- ☞ they have available a current test report to confirm testing and compliance as applicable.
- ☞ in-store point of sale and online advertising includes the necessary safety information, including adding the warnings to product features information.

Further Information:

Check the ACCC Product Safety Australia website for additional information.

- ☞ [Federal Register of Legislation - Consumer Goods \(Infant Sleep Products\) Safety Standard 2024](#)
- ☞ [Federal Register of Legislation - Consumer Goods \(Infant Products\) Information Standard 2024](#)
- ☞ [Infant sleep products mandatory standards | ACCC product safety](#)

Appendix A – Guidance for Incline (Horizontal) Compliance

Incline (Horizontal) – Clause 14

Test Method for Inclined (Horizontal) Surface of Infant Sleep Products

1. Scope

This method specifies the procedure for assessing the incline (horizontal) of an infant sleep product in accordance with Clause 14 of the Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products.

The objective is to verify that the sleeping surface does not exceed **7° from horizontal**.

2. Equipment

2.1 A planar being a PVC planar sheet being 3 mm in thickness and L x W as specified below.

- Household and portable cots: L 900 mm x W 450 mm
- Bassinet and bedside sleepers: L 450 mm x W 300 mm
- Other sleep products: where the specified planar sizes are unsuitable, use a 3 mm PVC planar that is approximately 10% shorter in length and width than the sleep surface being tested.

2.2 Inclinometer:

Digital or mechanical meter or level, capable of measuring to an accuracy of $\pm 0.1^\circ$.

3. Test Procedure

- a) Assemble the infant sleep product according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- b) Place the assembled product on a firm, level surface.
- c) If supplied with a mattress, insert the mattress as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- d) Place the selected planar centrally onto the sleep surface.
- e) Position the inclinometer centrally onto the planar to obtain incline angle reading.
- f) Record the incline angle and photograph measurement showing the inclinometer in correct position and the incline angle reading displayed.



PVC Planar Sheet (thickness 3.0 mm)



Household / Portable Cots



Bassinet / Bedside Sleeper

4. Acceptance Criteria

No incline angle measured shall exceed **7° from horizontal**.

5. Test Report

The test report shall include:

- Identification of the product tested (model, batch, supplier).
- Date and location of testing.
- Type and accuracy of inclinometer used.
- Recorded incline measurements at test point.
- Photographic evidence of test sample and incline angle measurement recorded.
- Pass/Fail outcome against the 7° threshold.

Appendix B - Guidance for meeting Curvature Compliance

Curvature – Clause 16

Test Methodology for Curvature Assessment of Infant Sleep Products

1. Scope

This test methodology outlines the procedure for assessing the curvature of an infant sleep product in accordance with Clause 16 of the Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products. The objective is to ensure that the sleeping surface is flat and does not exceed the allowable curvature threshold.

The intent is to ensure that there are no concave or convex curvatures that would create a potential chin to chest position due to the surface tilting the infants head forward or increase the potential for an infant to roll onto the face.

Small gaps created by quilting, edge piping or fold lines shall not be considered as hazards. Testing is conducted on a firm, flat reference surface to provide a consistent basis for evaluating all sleep surfaces.

2. Equipment

- A reference surface being a firm flat surface of sufficient size to accommodate a sleep surface such as a cot mattress being 1,400 mm x 800 mm.
- A tape measure with a true zero end hook.
- A straight, lightweight aluminium square tube as specified.
 - material: 6060 T5 Aluminium Alloy (EN 573-3:2019)
 - profile type: Square Hollow Section (SHS)
 - tube dimensions: 25mm x 25mm
 - wall thickness: 3mm
 - in lengths of 500 mm, 800 mm, 900 mm, 1000 mm & 1,350 mm

3. Test Procedure

- a) Place the mattress or infant sleep product on a flat, firm, level surface.
- b) The sleep product may be lightly adjusted by hand to level the surface area being tested before the measuring commences.
- c) Select the appropriately sized bar to suit the sleep product being tested. The bar shall extend just beyond the outer edges of the sleep product.
- d) Position the selected bar on the sleep surface, at each test point across the X and Y axis as shown points shown in diagrams 1 and 2. The bar shall extend past the outer edges of both the length and width of the product being tested.

- e) Using the tape measure with just enough downward pressure to ensure end hook is at zero point measure any gaps between the underside of the bar and the sleep surface.
- f) Take a photograph and record any gaps between the bar bottom edge and sleep surface for each position.

Diagram 1

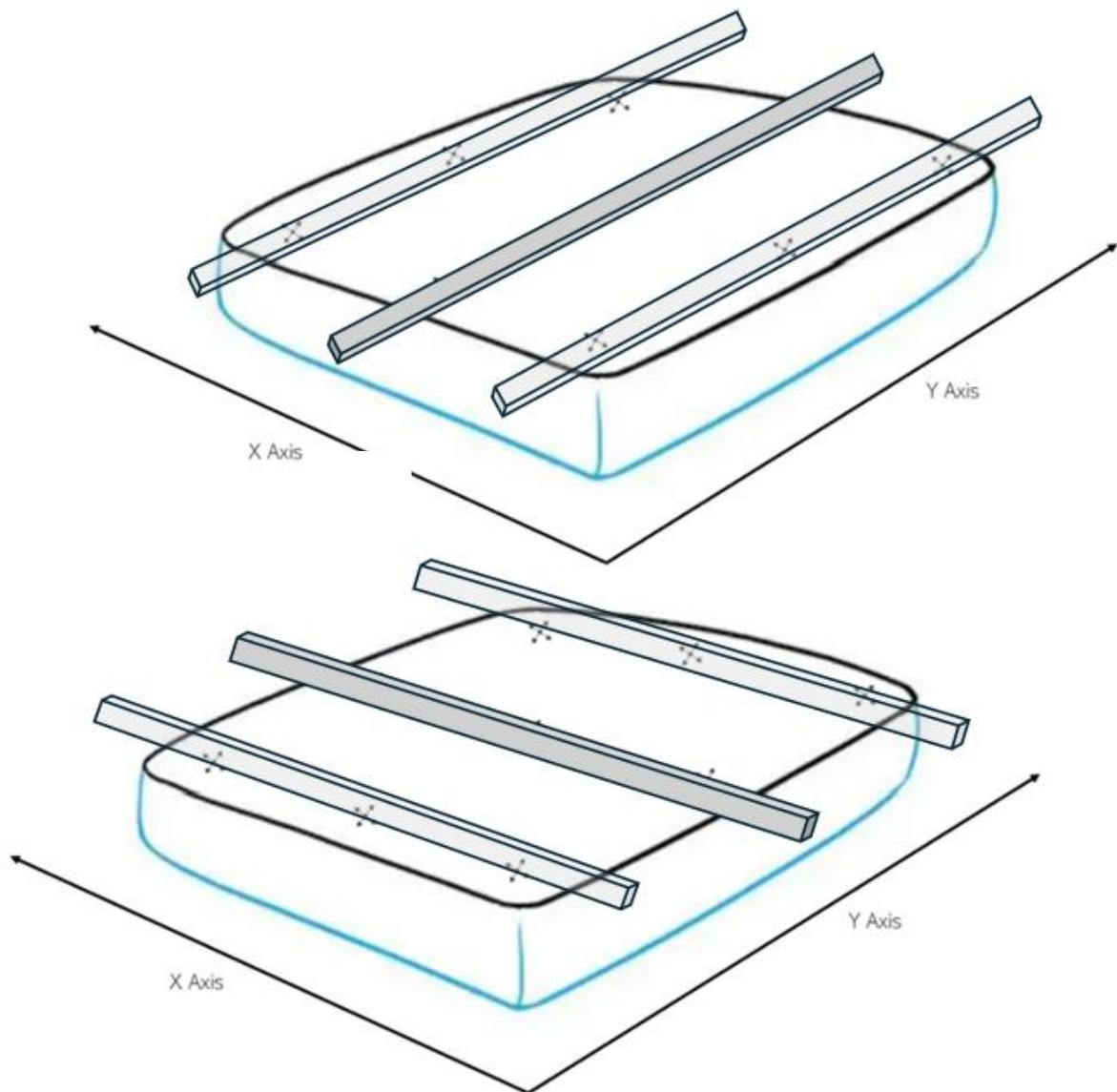
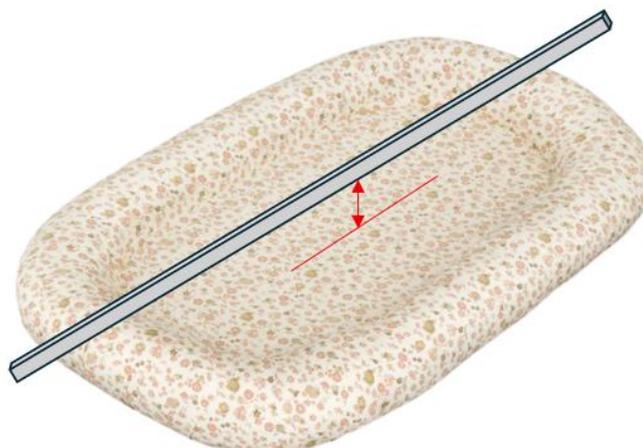
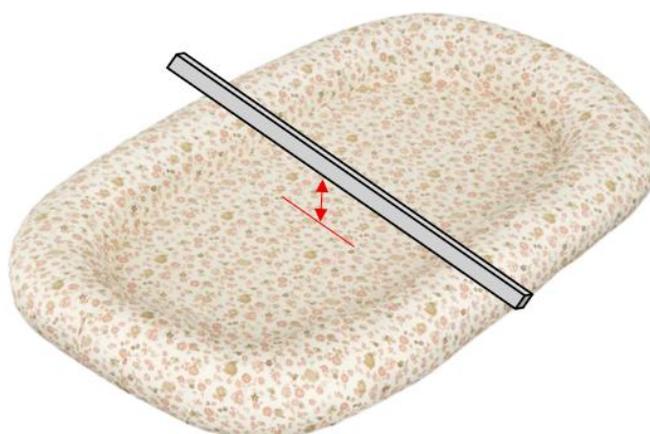


Diagram 2



Hazardous curvature resulting from elevated perimeter



4. Acceptance Criteria

Any gaps observed between the underside of the bar and the sleep surface shall not be greater than 5 mm at any location along the bar.

5. Test Report

The test report shall include the following:

- a) Identification of the product tested
- b) Type of digital level used
- c) Recorded gaps if any at each test position
- d) Photographic evidence of test sample and incline angle measurement recorded.
- e) Pass/Fail determination based on 5 mm maximum gap allowed.

Appendix C – Bedside Sleepers

Guidance for meeting Incline & Breathability Compliance obligations

There are no specific requirements for Bedside Sleepers but there are general requirements under Division 2 of the Infant Sleep Products Regulation. Suppliers should take particular attention to Clause 14 Incline (horizontal) and Clause 19 Material of Sides – Breathability.

(i) Test Methodology for Inclined Bedside Sleepers

1. Scope

This test methodology outlines the procedure for assessing the potential for a Bedside Sleeper to be intentionally or unintentionally assembled or adjusted where the sleep surface can be placed on an incline.

The objective is to ensure that the sleeping surface is flat and does not exceed the allowable 7° incline limit.

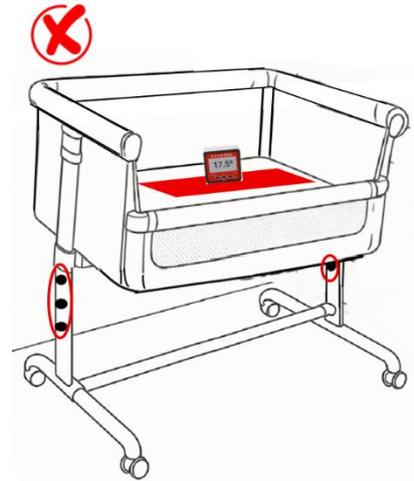
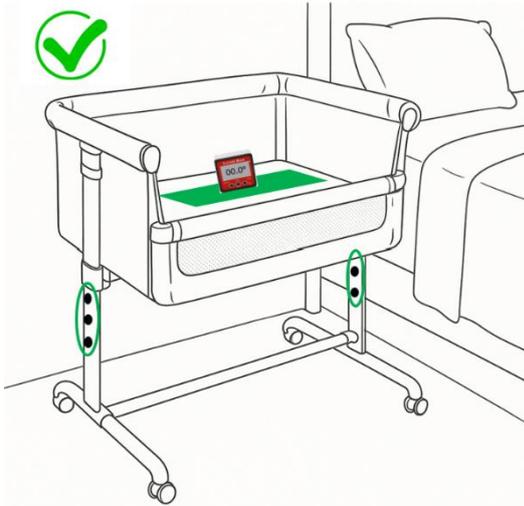
Note: Bedside sleepers and similar products must be designed with a flat, level sleep surface that does not allow height adjustments capable of creating a recline angle.

2. Equipment

- a. Device for measuring angles (e.g., digital level, inclinometer, or similar device)
- b. Rigid support beam that will extend lengthwise across the top edges of the product being tested.

3. Test Procedure

- a. Place the infant sleep product on a firm, level surface.
- b. Assemble the product according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- c. Position the support beam across the product as shown in the diagram.
- d. Place the angle measuring device on the surface of the support beam. Do not apply pressure beyond the device's own weight.
- e. Measure and record the angle of the sleep surface.
- f. If the product includes height adjustment features, test all available locking positions:
- g. Adjust each end independently to create a reclined surface.
- h. Measure and record the angle for each configuration where an incline is present.



(ii) Breathability/Air Permeability

Under clause 19 of Division 2 General Requirements there must be a breathable/ air permeable zone of a minimum of 100mm on all four sides. Vertical bands of non-permeable material that have a width of not more than 60mm with a separation of not less than 150mm are permitted. (For reference AS/NZS 2195:2010 Clause 8.2.

Appendix D – Additional Guidance for meeting Compliance

Mattress Firmness – Clause 18

Reference: AS/NSZ 8811.1 (this standard has now been superseded by AS5407.1).

It is recommended that suppliers get test reports to both standards as the regulation may be updated to reference AS5407.1 later.

Material of Sides – Clause 19

Key points to remember

- ☞ Must be firm enough to not conform to infant’s nose or mouth; or
- ☞ Be made of material that an infant can breathe through
- ☞ Refer to AS/NZS 2195:2010 Folding Cot Safety Requirements, Clause 6.3.3
- ☞ Breathable zones of a minimum height of 100mm need to be included in products with fabric sides such as bassinets, bedside sleepers

Restraint Systems – Clause 20

No restraints or sleep positioners are allowed as separate devices or as part of products where they exist demonstrates fit for purpose.

Castors or Wheels – Clause 21

- ☞ If product has wheels or castors at least 2 must have brakes
- ☞ Two straight legs are not regarded as brakes

Fit for Purpose – Clause 23

It is critical to demonstrate the following:

- ☞ Structural integrity
- ☞ Age and weight appropriateness
- ☞ Designed and constructed in a manner that reduces the likelihood of misuse
- ☞ Provided with clear instructions for use

Standards examples that will provide guidance includes:

- ☞ **Bedside Sleepers**
 - ASTM F2906-2023 Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Bedside Sleepers
- ☞ **Baby Change Products**
 - ASTM F2388-21 Baby Changing Products
- ☞ **Infant Rockers**
 - ASTM F3084-23 Infant and Infant/Toddler Rockers
- ☞ **Highchairs**
 - ASTM F404-21 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Highchairs

Mandatory standards applicable to demonstrate compliance

Cots

- ☞ AS/NZS 2172:2013 Household Cots or, BS EN 71601:2017 Children's cots and folding cots for domestic purpose or, ASTM F1169.19 full size baby cribs

Folding Cots

- ☞ AS/NZS 2195:2010 Folding Cots or, BS EN 716.1.2017 Children's Cots and folding cots for domestic purpose

Bedside Sleepers

- ☞ ASTM F2906:2023 Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Bedside Sleepers

Rocking Cradles

- ☞ AS/NZS 4385:1996 Infant's Rocking Cradles

Bouncinettes

- ☞ BS EN 12790:2023 Child use and care articles reclined cradles or, ASTM F2167-22 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bouncers seats.

Materials – Clause 25 – Decorative Transfers or Labels

Division 2 – Clause 25 (c) states

“any decorative transfers or labels must not be accessible to an infant within the infant sleep product”

To assist with interpretation, this means that any warning label must be permanently fixed and durable. If it meets the requirements of permanently fixed it is not accessible to an infant.

For Permanently Fixed:

The methodology is based on Clause 9 of the AS/NZS2195:2010 Folding Cots-Safety requirements.

Labels shall not be capable of being removed or torn off by a child without the use of a tool.

Labels sewn adhered or welded along one edge are allowable provided **any warning is printed on the front and reverse side of the label.**

An example of a tool may be a pair of scissors, a scraper, a screwdriver, a needle or other sharp implement that may assist in unpicking stitching or removing a label.

For Durability

The methodology is contained in the AS/NZS 2192:2013 Household Cot Clause 12.3.

“Marking shall be easily legible when rubbed by hand for 15 seconds with a piece of cloth soaked in water, allowed to dry and rubbed for 15 seconds with a piece of cloth soaked with undiluted liquid domestic dishwashing detergent.”

On-Line Warning – Clause 10 Information Standard

- It is the responsibility of suppliers and retailers to comply with Clause 10 of the Information Standard.
- Suppliers and retailers should not expect test authorities to assess this requirement.
- Test authorities should not issue a pass/fail on this Clause as it is out of the control of test houses. Any test report should state **Not Assessed**.

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