



## CPSC Approves and Establishes Effective Date for New Mandatory Standard for Toddler Beds

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) unanimously approved (5-0) a new mandatory standard to improve the safety of toddler beds. The new federal standard builds upon the ASTM voluntary standard (F1821-09) Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toddler Beds and adds additional protections to prevent injuries to children.



### Background

Under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is required to study current industry safety standards related to certain infant and toddler products and to make an assessment as to whether those standards would be considered sufficient safety standards. CPSC has already issued mandatory standards for cribs, infant walkers and infant bath seats.

### New Requirements

Since 2005, CPSC reports there have been 122 incidents involving toddler beds, including four deaths and 43 injuries. The new requirements add additional protections to prevent injuries to children. In addition to ASTM F1821-09, the new mandatory federal regulation to be published as 16 CFR Part 1217 provides additional requirements:

- **Guardrail Height** - To reduce the number of falls from toddler beds, a new guardrail height requirement states that the guardrail must extend at least five inches above the top of the bed's mattress.
- **Slat/Spindle Strength for Guardrails, Side Rails, and End Structures** – Spindle/slat strength testing for toddler beds must be consistent with the testing required for crib spindles/slats.
- **Warnings** – Separate warning labels will be required on toddler beds to address the hazards associated with entrapment and strangulation hazards.

### Effective Date

The rule will become effective on October 20, 2011 and will apply to products manufactured or imported on or after that date.

### Additional Information

To view the Federal Register publication: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-9421.pdf>

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