



Dear Customers,

In December of 2010, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced new federal regulations that significantly update the mandatory safety standards for cribs. These new regulations have had a significant impact on the design and testing of cribs that are manufactured, sold and used in the United States.

Lakeshore understands that the new CPSC regulations present particular concerns for the many child care centers and community programs that we serve, and we want to help make the process of adhering to these regulations as smooth as possible. This letter is designed to answer some frequently asked questions so that our customers can better understand the new regulations—and how they are affected by them.

When do the new regulations go into effect?

- All cribs that are manufactured, sold or resold in the United States had to meet the new regulations by June 28, 2011. (All of Lakeshore's cribs from 2011 onward have already been tested using the new CPSC standards and are fully compliant.)
- Child care facilities and places of public accommodation (such as hotels) must begin using compliant cribs by December 28, 2012. This means that child care centers may continue to use the cribs they currently have in their facilities until December 28, 2012.

What are some of the major provisions of the new regulations?

- Drop-side cribs with fully movable sides are now completely prohibited.
- Mattress support systems must undergo more rigorous testing and meet greater strength requirements.
- Side rails and slats must undergo more rigorous testing and meet greater strength requirements.
- More durable hardware must be used for key structural elements.
- Cribs must be labeled to ensure proper assembly, or the crib design itself must make improper assembly impossible.



Are Lakeshore cribs compliant with the new regulations?

Yes, all of Lakeshore's cribs from 2011 onward have undergone the required testing and are fully compliant with the new CPSC regulations.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call our Customer Service Department.

Sincerely,
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