

WARNING!

Babies are dying because they are put to sleep in places that are not safe. Babies always need a safe sleep place.

Parents whose babies have died want other parents to know:

- Babies are not safe sleeping on a couch, pillow or anything soft.
- Babies are not safe sleeping with other children, adults or pets.
- Adult beds are not safe for babies. If you feed your baby in bed, put your baby back into his/her crib to sleep.

Safe Sleep Steps

- 1** Baby sleeps by him or herself in a crib, portable crib or bassinet.
- 2** Always put baby to sleep on his or her back even when he can roll over.
- 3** Nothing in sleep area. No pillows, blankets, comforters, stuffed animals or other soft things.
- 4** Keep baby's face uncovered during sleep for easy breathing. Use a sleeper instead of a blanket.
- 5** Don't allow anyone to smoke anything around baby.
- 6** Don't overheat the baby. Dress the baby in as much or as little clothing as you are wearing.
- 7** Use a firm mattress with a tightly fitted sheet.

Make sure whoever takes care of your baby has a crib or portable crib for your baby to sleep. Talk to grandparents, babysitters, child care, neighbors and anyone who cares for your baby about the safest way for your baby to sleep.

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