Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Statement on Cardboard Boxes Used for Infant Sleep

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As a state agency, MDH does not endorse the use of specific products or brands. When it comes to infant sleep safety, we encourage parents/caregivers to look to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for safety information, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for expert opinion on infant health. Below are links to the AAP and CPSC’s information on the boxes, as well as a link for consumers to use in determining if a product has been recalled. Also below are links to information and resources on how to prevent sleep-related tragedies from happening during infancy.

AAP’s information on baby box initiatives
This information is located under the frequently asked questions section of the AAP’s Child Death Review and Prevention web page.


Consumer Product Safety Commission’s information on the Cardboard Boxes
CPSC Information on Cardboard Boxes (https://cpsc.gov/CPSC-Statement-on-Cardboard-Baby-Boxes)

American Academy of Pediatrics Announces New Safe Sleep Recommendations to Protect Against SIDS, Sleep-Related Infant Deaths

The link below allows consumers to search for products recalled by the CPSC using the manufacturer’s name, model, and brand name.
Safer Products (www.saferproducts.gov)

MDH Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative’s web page with information about sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID), which includes SIDS and other types of sleep-related infant deaths, and safe sleep.
MDH Infant Mortality (http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/infantmortality/suids.cfm)