

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 safe sleep recommendations and CPSC's statement 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.

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

[American Academy of Pediatrics Announces New Safe Sleep Recommendations](http://www.safehealthychildren.org/american-academy-of-pediatrics-announces-new-safe-sleep-recommendations-to-protect-against-sids/)
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Is It Okay to Use “Baby Boxes” for Newborns to Sleep In? Response by Dr. Rachel Moon, Chair, AAP Task Force on SIDS

Question: I've seen offers for free “baby boxes” for newborns to sleep in. Are these OK to use? [Healthy Children.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/Ive-seen-offers-for-free-baby-boxes.aspx) (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/Ive-seen-offers-for-free-baby-boxes.aspx>)

Consumer Product Safety Commission's Statement on the Cardboard Baby Boxes

[CPSC Statement on Cardboard Baby Boxes](https://cpsc.gov/CPSC-Statement-on-Cardboard-Baby-Boxes) (<https://cpsc.gov/CPSC-Statement-on-Cardboard-Baby-Boxes>)

AAP News Health Alerts

[AAP News. Health Alerts: Baby boxes, fireworks, gates, and more](https://www.aappublications.org/news/2017/07/18/HealthAlerts071817)
(<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2017/07/18/HealthAlerts071817>)

Safer Products

The link below allows consumers to search for products recalled by the CPSC using the manufacturer's name, model, and brand name.

[Safer Products](http://www.saferproducts.gov) (<http://www.saferproducts.gov>)

MDH Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative

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 Reduction Initiative](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/womeninfants/infantmort/suids.html)
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