

Child safety: baby nests

Our role

The CCPC is responsible for making sure that a range of consumer products sold in Ireland meet product safety requirements. When a safety issue is identified, we will take action, where necessary, to protect consumers and make sure that dangerous products are recalled from the market.

Following the recall of a number of baby nests in Ireland, the CCPC has developed consumer guidance to highlight potential safety risks associated with these products.

What is a baby nest?

A baby nest is a 'cocoon-like' mattress consisting of a soft base with padded sides that wrap around the outer rim. They may also be referred to as 'baby pods' or 'sleeping pods', and are widely available in a variety of different styles and colours. All baby nest products are intended for supervised use only.



What are the safety risks?

A baby nest is not a safe place for your baby to sleep and poses serious health and safety risks:

- Strangulation due to drawstrings or ribbons on certain styles of baby nests is a serious risk. Never introduce any kind of cords or strings into a baby's environment.

- Choking can occur if the inner contents or stuffing were to become accessible to a baby. Small parts that may become detached are also a choking hazard.
- Suffocation can occur due to the sides of a baby nest which can be quite soft, similar to cushions or bumpers. Any horizontal gaps between the sides and base mattress can also cause a baby's head to get trapped.

Safety tips for use

- ✓ Before buying a baby nest, please consider the HSE's safe sleep advice at hse.ie.
- ✓ Check the 'Safety Gate' alerts page at ec.europa.eu before you buy, for details of recent baby nest recalls or safety issues that have been raised.
- ✓ Babies should never be left unattended in a baby nest.
- ✓ A baby nest should not be placed on a bed, sofa or any soft or uneven surface, due to increased suffocation risks.
- ✓ Babies should never be carried in a baby nest, even if it has handles.
- ✓ Ensure your baby nest has no drawstrings or ribbons attached.
- ✓ Always check the safety warnings and follow the instructions carefully.

If you suspect a baby nest is unsafe:

Contact the manufacturer or retailer with details of any faults or issues.

- Report any product safety concerns to the CCPC via our helpline: 01 402 5555.
- If you are aware of a retailer selling baby nests which contain drawstrings or ribbons, please contact the CCPC as soon as possible.