The Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program was created in partnership with leading infant health and safety organizations. Join us and the nearly 300 certified hospitals to help every baby sleep safely.
About Our Program
The National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program was created by Cribs for Kids® and is endorsed by leading health and safety organizations. Its goal is to award recognition to hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to community leadership for best practices and education in infant sleep safety. By becoming certified, a hospital is demonstrating that it is committed to the mission of making babies as safe as possible in their sleep environment and eliminating as many sleep-related deaths as possible.

How does it work?
This program has three levels of Safe Sleep Certification. Applying for certification is free of charge.

Certified Safe Sleep Hospital
Requirements:
• Develop a safe sleep policy statement incorporating the AAP’s Infant Safe Sleep guidelines.
• Train staff on safe sleep guidelines, your hospital’s safe sleep policy and the importance of modeling safe sleep for parents.
• Educate parents on the importance of safe sleep practices, and implement these practices in the hospital setting.

Certified Safe Sleep Leader
Requirements:
• Develop a safe sleep policy statement
• Train staff
• Educate parents
• Replace regular receiving blankets in nursery and/or NICU with wearable blankets to model no loose bedding in the crib.
• Program Evaluation annually through internal audit of POSA Cycles.

Certified Safe Sleep Champion
Requirements:
• Develop a safe sleep policy statement
• Train staff
• Educate parents
• Replace regular receiving blankets
• Program Evaluation
• Provide community and media outreach on safe sleep in your community.
• Affiliation with or become a Crib for Kids® partner and provide a safety-approved sleep alternative to at-risk parents in your hospital.

How do we get started?
We’ve created an online guide to help you through the certification process. First, determine which level of certification is right for your organization. Then, examine what requirements you still may need to complete to apply for certification. Our Hospital Initiative Online Tool Kit will be able to provide you with the resources you need to implement any of the program requirements. For additional information about this program, you can also contact Tiffany Price at 412-322-5680 x-112 or email tprice@cribsforkids.org.

To get started, visit our online guide: www.cribsforkids.org/HospitalCertification

We can help.
Cribs for Kids® provides a robust suite of comprehensive support materials and tools to aid you in implementing this certification program in your hospital, including sample policy statements, training materials, posters, certificates, brochures, a marketing kit and more. Visit www.cribsforkids.org/HospitalCertification for more information.

Cribs for Kids®: Helping every baby sleep safer.
Since 1998, Cribs for Kids® has been making an impact on the rates of babies dying of accidental, sleep-related death due to unsafe sleeping environments.

Every year in the U.S., there are over 3,500 infant sleep-related deaths due to accidental suffocation, strangulation, or undetermined causes during sleep. The mission of Cribs for Kids® is to prevent these deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for infants, and by providing the Cribs for Kids® Cribette along with a HALO® SleepSack® wearable blanket to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep. Cribs for Kids® currently has more than 1,000 Partners throughout the United States that implement our infant safe sleep program in their communities.

Learn more at www.CribsForKids.org.