

## **Baby Safety Measures**

## Safe Sleeping Guidelines:

<u>For infants under 12 months of age</u>, follow these practices to reduce the risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and prevent suffocation:

- Place baby on his/her <u>back</u> in a crib with a firm, tight-fitting mattress.
- Remove pillows, duvet, comforter, sheepskin, stuffed toys from the crib while baby sleeps.
- Consider using a sleeper instead of a blanket.
- If you do use a blanket, place baby with feet to foot of the crib. Tuck a thin blanket around the crib mattress, covering baby only as high as his/her chest.
- *Use only a fitted bottom sheet specifically made for crib use.*

## Safety tips for baby cots:

## There should be:

- A firm, tight-fitting mattress so a baby cannot get trapped between the mattress and the crib.
- Ensure that Bumper Pads are secured tightly to the crib.
- Mattress height should be lowered when baby is able to sit.
- Cribs should be assembled correctly and according to guidelines. Missing, loose or broken hardware or broken slats can result in entrapment or suffocation deaths.