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**Care of a foster child under age two.**

- (A) A foster child under two years of age or under thirty-five inches in height shall be provided with a full-sized crib which meets the following requirements:
- (1) Crib slats shall be no more than two and three-eighths inches apart.
  - (2) Decorative cutout areas on crib end panels which could entrap the head of a child are not permitted.
  - (3) Only cribs that are compliant with the U.S. consumer product safety commission specifications shall be used.
  - (4) Each crib shall have a firm mattress which is at least one and one-half inches thick and covered with a waterproof material not dangerous to a child. The mattress shall fit close enough in the frame so that there is no more than one inch between the mattress and the sides of the crib.
- (B) A bassinet or cradle may be used only for infants less than fifteen pounds in weight.
- (C) A foster child under two years of age shall be provided with the following:
- (1) Regular opportunities for individual attention and physical contact with a caring adult.
  - (2) Consistent and regular opportunities for safe and comfortable participation in developmental activities, as appropriate to the child's age and developmental ability, such as:
    - (a) Sitting.
    - (b) Crawling.
    - (c) Walking.
    - (d) Playing.
- (D) A foster child under two years of age shall be supplied with safe play items appropriate to the child's age and developmental ability.
- (E) A foster child under two years of age shall be fed according to instructions from the child's physician or the recommending agency as required by the individual child care agreement. A foster caregiver shall comply with the following requirements when feeding a child under the age of two:

- (1) A caregiver shall ensure the child is placed in one of the following:
    - (a) High chair.
    - (b) Infant seat.
    - (c) Held.
  - (2) No foster child shall be placed in a crib or bassinet for feeding.
  - (3) A bottle shall not be propped for feeding at any time.
- (F) Under both of the following conditions, a foster child under the age of two years may use a toddler bed or standard bed for sleeping:
- (1) The foster caregiver, the custodial agency, and the recommending agency agree that the child continually creates a danger to him or her self by climbing out of his or her crib. Written documentation of any agreement shall be signed by a custodial agency representative and maintained in the foster caregiver's record.
  - (2) The child shall not use the upper bunk of a bunk bed.
- (G) No one in the home is to co-sleep or bed-share with infants who are placed in the home.

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