

The Modern Play Pen

A Guide to Current and Proposed Regulations of Play Yards

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On May 12, 1998, 16-month-old Danny Keysar died after his portable crib, also known as a play yard, collapsed while he was napping at his licensed childcare facility in Chicago. The play yard at issue had been recalled in 1993, six-years prior to Danny's death. U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) thereafter introduced "Danny's Law," also known as the "Infant and Toddler Durable Product Safety Act," which required safety standards for different types of products that were saved and reused by families for multiple children. In 2008, the U.S. Congress passed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), which incorporates provisions of Danny's Law and requires mandatory federal standards for over a dozen durable juvenile products. Specifically, [Section 104](#) of the CPSIA gives the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) authority to promulgate mandatory safety standards for durable infant and toddler products.

The passage of the CPSIA marked Congress' recognition that consumer confidence in children's products would increase if safety standards were made mandatory, and that every child should be safe while sleeping. As a result, Congress has created some of the strictest child sleeping device standards in the world. While there are many different types of child sleeping devices, [this new article](#) from Stinson Leonard Street's Children's Products Group will focus on the [current and proposed regulations related to play yards](#), which are at the heart of "Danny's Law" and Section 104 of the CPSIA. You may also download a [PDF of the article](#).

This will be the first in a series of articles Stinson Leonard Street's Children's Products Group will distribute in the coming weeks regarding baby sleeping devices. Please stay tuned for our article on the current and proposed regulations of bassinets next week.

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