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Health Alerts

Baby monitor cords can strangle infants, toddlers

Since 2002, seven children ages 6 to 20 months old have been strangled in cords on baby audio and video monitors, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

To keep infants and toddlers safe, the CPSC and the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association urge parents to:

- Check all monitors and other products with electrical cords — including those mounted on the wall — to make sure cords are out of your child's reach.
- Place monitors and cords **at least 3 feet** away from any part of the crib, bassinet, play yard or other safe sleep environment.
- Never place a monitor inside or on the edge of a crib.

To request a free warning label about the strangulation risk to affix to a baby monitor cord, visit www.BabyMonitorSafety.org.