## SAFE FROM A TO Z'S

## Putting your baby to sleep safely

Safe sleep can be simple. You don't need special gadgets or the internet. All you need are the ABCs of safe sleep.

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Babies should always sleep on their backs on a firm surface, to keep their airway open.





Always put your baby to sleep alone. Co-sleeping puts your baby at risk of suffocation.



Your baby's sleep space should be clear of blankets, pillows, toys, and crib bumpers. These items could suffocate or strangle your baby.



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# Putting Popular Sleep Myths to Rest



## Myth #1

My baby will get cold, so they need a blanket.

#### **Fact**

A safe sleep environment should be clear of blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, etc. If you think your baby needs a blanket, a sleep sack is the safest option.



## Myth #2

I can co-sleep safely as long as I'm careful.

#### **Fact**

Co-sleeping is never recommended. Even with positioning devices, the risk of suffocation is much higher than if your baby were alone in their own crib or bassinet.



#### Mvth #3

It's OK to put my baby to sleep on their stomach.

#### **Fact**

Your baby's neck muscles aren't strong enough to help them adjust their position if their airway is blocked. Back is always best for putting baby to sleep.



### Myth #4

My baby needs to sleep at an incline to help with reflux.

#### Fact

An inclined position is dangerous because it can block your baby's airway, making it difficult to breathe.