Consumer Product Safety Commission

§ 1508.9

(hazard through pinching, bruising, lac-
erating, crushing, breaking, ampu-
tating, or otherwise injuring portions
of the human body when the crib is in
normal use or when subjected to rea-
sonably foreseeable damage or abuse.

(b) Locking or latching devices used
to secure dropside rails shall require a
minimum force of 4.5 kilograms (10
pounds) to activate the release mecha-
nism or shall consist of a double-action
device requiring two distinct actions to
release.

(c) Wood screws shall not be used in
the assembly of stationary sides,
dropside rails, folding rails, or stabi-
lizing bars to crib ends or other compo-
nents that must be removed by the
consumer in the normal disassembly of
a crib.

§ 1508.7 Construction and finishing.

(a) All wood surfaces shall be smooth
and free from splinters.

(b) All wood parts shall be free from
splits, cracks, or other defects which
might lead to structural failure.

(c) Crib end panels and sides or any
attachment thereto shall have no hori-
zontal bar, ledge, projection, or other
surface accessible to a child inside the
crib capable of being used as a toe hold
located less than 51 centimeters (20
inches) above the mattress support in
its lowest position when the side rail is
in its highest position, except the
lower horizontal bar of the crib rail
may have a vertical dimension that ex-
tends no higher than 7.6 centimeters (3
inches) above the mattress support in
its lowest position. In no case will any
gap between the top surface of the mat-
tress support and the bottom of the
lower horizontal rail be permitted. For
the purposes of this paragraph, any
ledge or projection with a depth dimen-
sion greater than 1 centimeter (½ inch)
shall constitute a toehold.

§ 1508.8 Assembly instructions.

(a) Cribs, when shipped other than
completely assembled, shall be accom-
panied by detailed instructions that in-
clude an assembly drawing, a list and
description of all parts and tools re-
quired for assembly, and a full-size dia-
gram of the required bolts and other fas-
teners.

(b) The instructions shall:

(1) Be so written that an unskilled
layman can correctly assemble the crib
without making errors that would re-
sult in improper and unsafe assembly.

(2) Include cautionary statements
concerning the secure tightening and
maintaining of bolts and other fas-
teners.

(3) Contain a cautionary statement
that when a child’s height reaches 90
centimeters (35 inches), the child
should be placed in a youth or regular
bed.

§ 1508.9 Identifying marks, warning
statement, and compliance declara-
tion.

(a) All cribs and retail cartons there-
of shall be suitably marked and labeled
in accordance with this section.

(b) A crib shall be clearly marked to
indicate:

(1) The name and place of business
(city and State) of the manufacturer,
importer, distributor, and/or seller; and

(2) A model number, stock number,
catalog number, item number, or other
symbol expressed numerically, in code
or otherwise, such that only articles of
identical construction, composition,
and dimensions shall bear identical
markings.

(c) The following warning shall ap-
pear on the retail carton and on the in-
side of the head end panel or on the top
surface of the mattress support in a
type size of at least one-fourth inch:

“CAUTION: Any mattress used in this crib
must be at least 27 1⁄4 inches by 51 5⁄8 inches
with a thickness not exceeding 6 inches;”
or

“CAUTION: Any mattress used in this crib
must be at least 69 centimeters by 131 centi-
meters with a thickness not exceeding 15
centimeters.”

The marking shall appear in block let-
ters, shall contrast sharply with the
background (by color, projection, and/
or indentation), and shall be clearly
visible and legible. The dimensions of
the mattress shall be taken from seam
to seam or edge to edge where appro-
priate.

(d) Markings on a crib shall be of a
permanent nature such as paint-stenc-
ciled, die-stamped, molded, or indelibly