

KEEPING INFANTS SAFE...



What Does a Safe Sleep Environment Look Like?

To reduce the risk of infant, sleep-related deaths such as accidental suffocation, asphyxia, strangulation, and SIDS, the safest way for an infant to sleep is: **Alone**, on the **Back**, in an empty **Crib**.

A firm mattress should be used with no soft or loose bedding, comforters, pillows, stuffed animals, or bumper pads. Infants should never sleep in an adult bed; on a couch; in a chair, car seat, or swing; or any other surface that has an incline.



*A Community Policing Program in Partnership
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As Police Officers, our mission is to help keep children safe by preventing the leading cause of death for children - - **un-intentional Injury**.

Fatal injury varies with age. For infants, the number one cause of death is due to unsafe sleeping environments, which result in sleep-related deaths such as accidental suffocation, asphyxia and SIDS.

In an effort to better protect infants in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, local law enforcement agencies are partnering with **Cribs for Kids® National Public Safety Initiative** called Cops 'n Cribs. This program will expand community policing policies to provide safe sleep tips and free portable cribs to families in need.



The purpose of this program is to keep Infants safe while they sleep, which causes most to think of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). However, as you can see by the graphic below, SIDS is a subcategory of SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death).



We are asking officers, in the course of their duties, to keep their eyes open for infants who do not have access to a safe sleeping environment, such as a crib or bassinet.



This is a very logical partnership since police officers, as first responders, will see situations that are dangerous for infants long before social service agencies might. If we can get a crib to a family that needs one, chances are we might save that baby's life.



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