

## Baby Box Checklist for Health Care Providers

Public health staff may encounter baby boxes in homes, or may be asked questions about baby boxes by clients or community partners.

### Information to review with clients and/or community partners:

CLIENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Has information to connect with a prenatal healthcare provider</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Has information to connect with their public health nurse or office</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Is aware that baby box registration processes may collect personal health information and may not meet PHIA requirements</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Has the baby box manufacturer's contact information for questions regarding use and cleaning, and to report concerns</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Is provided the <i>Safe Sleeping for Baby</i> pamphlet or <a href="#">website link</a></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Has no urgent concerns or issues</li></ul>
BOX AND CONTENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer states that the box is designed for infant sleeping and meets Canadian federal safety standards for bassinets</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Box and lid (if lid is provided) are new, clean, dry and in good condition</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Box has the required labeling (see page 2 of this document)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Weight limit for the box is included on the label and in the box instructions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Box is assembled, or the client has been instructed regarding assembly</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Box contents (educational and promotional materials, samples, coupons) align with regional and provincial standards for nutrition, health promotion, the Baby Friendly Initiative and the WHO Code</li></ul>
SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Read the warning label on the box (review with client if possible)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check the box regularly, ensuring that leaks or spills have not weakened the sides or bottom; do not use if there is any damage</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Place the box on the floor, not on any elevated surfaces such as a table or bed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do not carry the box with the baby inside</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Place the box away from heat sources such as baseboard heaters, portable heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, and any open flame</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do not use the lid when baby is inside the box</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep the box dry and follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do not put pillows, stuffed animals, or loose blankets inside the box</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep pets out of baby's sleeping area. Pets can jump into the box and increase the risk of suffocation or other injuries. Infants should not be left alone with a dog as they are at a greater risk of being bitten, especially on the head</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bassinets such as boxes should not be used once the infant can roll over or has exceeded the weight limit; a crib or playpen should be used for older infants</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> The safest place for babies to sleep is on their backs, in their parent's room, alone in a crib, cradle or bassinet</li></ul>

## Canadian Crib, Cradle and Bassinet Regulations

Canadian regulations require that specific information is displayed in English and French and permanently affixed to the product, including the **date of manufacture**, **assembly instructions**, **weight limit** and **warnings** (see below).

### Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulations (SOR/2016-152)

#### Warning — all bassinets

**65** The following warning or its equivalent must appear on every bassinet:

##### WARNING

- Do not use this bassinet if you cannot exactly follow the instructions that come with it.
- Do not use this bassinet for a child who can roll over or who has reached manufacturer's recommended weight limit.
- Do not place any cord, strap or similar item in or near this bassinet that could become wrapped around a child's neck.
- Do not place this bassinet near a window or patio door where a child could reach the cord of a blind or curtain and be strangled.
- Check this bassinet regularly before using it, and do not use it if any part is loose or missing or if there are any signs of damage. Do not substitute parts. Contact the manufacturer if replacement parts or additional instructions are needed.
- Children can suffocate on soft bedding. Do not place pillows, comforters or soft mattresses in this bassinet.

#### Warning — bassinets with mattress

**68** The following warning or its equivalent must appear on every bassinet if a mattress is supplied with the bassinet, immediately after the warnings required by section 65:

##### WARNING

- Use only the mattress supplied by the manufacturer with this bassinet. Do not add an additional mattress to this bassinet.

**If you have any concerns or questions about the box or box contents, contact:**

Email: [Injuryinfo@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:Injuryinfo@wrha.mb.ca)

Phone: 204-940-8300