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SUBJECT: Stackable Cribs in Child Care Centers

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarification regarding the use of *stacked* or *stackable cribs* in child care centers. New CPSC Guidelines regarding cribs become effective on December 28, 2012. These guidelines reference **all** crib types and will ultimately disallow (older) cribs not meeting the new standards. Conversely, cribs which meet or exceed the new guidelines will be approved for use in child care centers. This includes the newly designed *pull-out stackable cribs*, if they are otherwise compliant with Rule .2821

Rule .2821 (e), requires that cribs be placed 18" apart or separated by partitions. When in use, stackable cribs will be compliant if the bottom unit is pushed in or closed. If the bottom or lower unit is pulled out while in use, the partition requirement will be considered non-compliant and the violation should be demerited accordingly. The lower crib's position or placement is not a factor when children are being placed in or out of the unit or when receiving care from a provider.



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