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Recalled cot mattress doesn't fit snugly

The Office for Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) is warning parents who have purchased a Kensington cot from K-Mart to check the mattress.

The "Kensington" Cot with Mother's Choice branded inner spring mattress was sold nationally through Kmart stores since 6 August 2007.

The Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs warned "This particular mattress has a gap between the side of the mattress and the inside of the cot, which exceeds the gap allowed under the mandatory safety standard. It is undersized when fitted into the "Kensington" cot. The appropriate standard is the Australian Standard for Household cots AS/NZS 2172. "

"For your child's safety, parents are urged to stop using this recalled product immediately. For details of the recall check the OCBA website: www.ocba.sa.gov.au."

The undersized mattress is dangerous as young children could get their heads, legs or arms trapped or be vulnerable to suffocating.

OCBA investigated the complaint received from a concerned parent and then asked Kmart to recall the mattresses.

Kmart withdrew the product from sale and its supplier, IGC Dorel Pty Ltd, is arranging a free of charge mattress exchange.

The cot mattress has been recalled nationally to ensure young children are safe. Parents should heed the advice of the recall notice and follow the instructions provided.

When buying a cot, not only should parents check that the cot mattress fits snugly they should also:

- Select a cot that complies with the mandatory safety standards. This can be identified by a label or sticker on the cot.
- Check that the bars, panels, mattress base and drop sides are firmly attached.
- Measure that the top of a mattress to the top of a cot at its lowest position is 500 mm minimum
- Measure the spaces between the bars, ensuring they are between 50 to 95 mm - gaps wider are an entrapment hazard.
- Check there are no small holes or openings that small fingers can be caught in
- Check there are no fittings, such as bolts, knobs and corner posts that might catch onto clothing causing a strangulation hazard.

To arrange a free mattress exchange parents should contact IGC Dorel, telephone 1300 809 526.

For more information about recalled and dangerous items consumers can contact OCBA on 8152 0732 or visit www.ocba.sa.gov.au.