

# Infant Swings

Infant swings may calm a cranky baby, but children have been hurt when these products were not used correctly.

## Infants have been hurt by:

- Falling or sliding out of a swing.
- Hitting their head on the swing's side bars.
- Getting tangled in the straps.



## Safety Tips

- Check the manufacturer's instructions for weight and age requirements to make sure the swing is suitable for the infant.
- Always supervise an infant when they are in a swing. If you have to leave the room for any reason, take the infant with you.
- Check that the safety straps are properly adjusted, so the infant cannot lean over the sides.
- When placing an infant in a swing, check that their head is well supported by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Check that the activity tray is properly attached and that there are no sharp edges, small parts, hinges, or parts that can pinch.
- Place the swing away from stairs, doors, windows, furniture, and appliances.
- Always place an infant swing on the floor when in use. Check that it is on a flat surface to prevent tipping.

## The use of second-hand swings may be hazardous. If buying a second-hand infant swing:

- Look for a swing with straps that go over each hip and the crotch. For further safety, look for a model that also has straps that go over each shoulder.
- Look for a swing that has a wide base with skid-resistant tips.
- Check for rips or tears in the swing's fabric.
- Check that instructions come with the swing.
- Contact the manufacturer to check for recalls.

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