

NEW GUIDELINES for CHILDREN'S SLEEPWEAR CHOICES

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is the government agency responsible for protecting the American public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with products used in or around the home. Recently, CPSC changed the requirements for children's sleepwear to enable parents to make safe sleepwear decisions for their children by providing a greater range of choices. Following is a brief guide to the changes:

INFANT SIZES UP TO 9 MONTHS

All infant sleepwear in sizes to nine months may now be made from either *flame resistant* or *non-flame resistant* fabrics.

INFANT SIZES ABOVE 9 MONTHS TO CHILDRENS SIZE 14

Children's sleepwear larger than size 9 months must either be *flame resistant* or worn *snug-fitting*.

- *Flame resistant sleepwear* does not ignite easily and must self-extinguish quickly to meet the U.S. CPSC flammability requirements for children's sleepwear. Flame resistant garments may be worn either loose fitting or snug-fitting. Although many flame resistant fabrics are polyester, cotton can be treated so that it meets the CPSC guidelines for flame resistant fabrics.
- *Snug-fitting sleepwear* which meet CPSC sizing guidelines and are made from natural fabrics – such as cotton – which are *non-flame resistant* will not create an unreasonable risk of burn injuries to children.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING:

All snug-fitting sleepwear garments manufactured or imported after June 28, 2000 must have a permanent warning statement in the neck label:

WEAR SNUG-FITTING
NOT FLAME RESISTANT

Look for the yellow hang-tag or label on package with the following warning

FOR CHILD'S SAFETY, GARMENT SHOULD FIT SNUGLY.
THIS GARMENT IS NOT FLAME RESISTANT.
LOOSE-FITTING GARMENT IS MORE LIKELY TO CATCH FIRE

DO NOT:

Do not allow your children to sleep in loose-fitting or oversized garments such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, or other apparel items made from non-flame resistant fabrics. These garments ignite more easily and may cause severe burn injuries.

REMEMBER:

Fabric and fit are important safety considerations for children's sleepwear.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: [Consumer Product Safety Commission
www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

FOR ADDITIONAL CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION: [American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD COPIES OF THE SLEEPWEAR REGULATIONS IN PDF FORMAT BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING BUTTONS:

Regulations for sizes up to 6X: <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/1615.pdf>
Regulations for sizes 6x to 14. <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/1616.pdf>