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NEW ASTM F2951-12 BABY MONITORS SAFETY STANDARD PUBLISHED

According to a report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), seven deaths have occurred due to infants strangling in monitor cords resulting from cords being placed too close to a crib¹.

In response to the hazard identified by the CPSC the new voluntary ASTM F2951 standard has been developed to address incidents associated with strangulations that can result from infant entanglement in the cords of baby monitors.

This standard for baby monitors includes requirements for audio, video, and motion sensor monitors. It provides requirements for labeling, instructional material and packaging and is intended to minimize injuries to children resulting from normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse or abuse of baby monitors.

Key Requirements of the standard are as follows:

- The transmitter's rigid shielding,

rigid encasement, or other means of enclosing a cord shall have a conspicuous, permanently affixed warning label to provide a reminder to caregivers that children have strangled in cords and to keep the cord a minimum of three feet (0.9 m) away from the crib.

- The transmitter's cord shall also have a warning label that is permanently affixed such that the label is conspicuous when the protective covering is not used. The warning label shall be affixed to the cord at a distance no greater than 4 in. (10.16 cm) from the transmitter plug/jack.
- Instructions provided with the baby monitor shall be easy to read and understand and shall, at a minimum, contain statements that address the hazard along with a pictogram.
- Photographs on the product, retail package, or instructions of monitors that are not intended to be attached to a crib shall support the fact that the transmitter and cord shall be mounted out of the reach of children. No image shall imply that a corded transmitter may be mounted on the crib or placed in the crib.

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¹ [Baby Monitor Cords Have Strangled Children](#)

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