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safe sleeping



*'Sleep Safe,
My Baby'*

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Six ways to sleep baby safely and reduce the risk of sudden unexpected death in infancy:

1. Sleep baby on back



Back



Side



Tummy



Sleeping baby on the side or tummy increases the risk of sudden infant death

2. Keep head and face uncovered



- Baby on back
- Feet to bottom of cot
- Blankets tucked in firmly

OR



- Use a safe baby sleeping bag with fitted neck and armholes and no hood

Covering baby's head or face increases the risk of sudden infant death

3. Keep baby smoke free before and after birth



Smoking during pregnancy and around baby after birth increases the risk of sudden infant death. Help to quit smoking is available from your doctor, nurse or by contacting **Quitline on 13 78 48**.

4. Safe sleeping environment night and day



- **Safe cot** (should meet current Australian Standard AS2172)
- **Safe mattress** - firm, clean, flat, right size for cot
- **Safe bedding** – soft surfaces and bulky bedding increase the risk of sudden infant death

No soft surfaces or bulky bedding



pillow



cot bumper



lambs wool



soft toy eg: teddy



doona



5. Sleep baby in safe cot in parents' room



Safest place for baby to sleep is in a safe cot next to adult care givers' bed

Unsafe 'X' sleeping places



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Pictures with a 'X' are **NOT** safe sleeping places

6. Breastfeed baby



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