



SAFE SLEEP: LETTER TO PARENT/CAREGIVER
EEC First Citation of Non-Compliance Findings

Date:

Dear _____,

Each year, there are about 3,400 Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) deaths in the United States. To reduce the risk of infant death in a child care setting from SUID or SIDS, and in accordance with [CMR 7.11\(13\)\(e\)](#), the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) has established a policy regarding Safe Sleep practices for all children under 12 months in age. There are four times fewer SUID or SIDS deaths now than in 1990 because of these practices. All programs are required to follow this policy by adhering to Safe Sleep practices while caring for infants.

Recently, a representative from EEC visited our child care program. During this visit, issues were identified concerning infant Safe Sleep procedures that involved your child. Specifically, EEC found: _____.

This non-compliance was corrected immediately, and all infants remained in care.

The non-compliance could not immediately be corrected, and one or more infants were sent home until a safe sleep environment could be provided.

As a result of the recent EEC visit, I have been made aware of the Safe Sleep issues identified in our program and will submit a plan of correction to EEC. This plan will include:

I assure you that we will follow this plan and, in doing so, comply fully with EEC's Safe Sleep Policies and Regulations in the future. I am aware that programs that continue to violate infant Safe Sleep regulations may be asked to cease caring for infants.

Please help me by supporting Safe Sleep practices at home. Talk to everyone who takes care of your child about the importance of Safe Sleep practices. Together, we can keep sleep time safe. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Licensee or Designee Signature

Acknowledgement of parent receipt: Please sign, date, and return to the program.

Parent Signature:

Date:

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