



Playpen Regulations

On October 3, 2018 Health Canada published a new Playpens Regulation as a means of increasing safety and aligning the Canadian requirements with the American Mandatory Rules, and the Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulation.

The Government of Canada advises the following guidelines when using playpens:

- Playpens are not intended to be used for unsupervised sleep
- Blankets, pillows or an extra mattress should not be added to the playpen
- Children in playpens should be supervised at all times
- Playpens should never be placed near a window or patio door where blinds or curtain cords are within reach of the child

As a licensed childcare provider under the Child Care Licensing Regulation (CCLR), your responsibilities in regards to furniture and equipment are as follows:

Section 15 of the CCLR requires that a licensee must supply equipment, furniture and supplies that:

- Are of sturdy and safe construction
- Are easy to clean and free from hazards
- When used as furniture or equipment for sleeping: used only by one child at a time; is clean and comfortable; and is appropriate for the size, age and development of the child

For more information on the Playpens Regulation, please visit the Canada Department of Justice's webpage at: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2018-186/index.html>

For more information on playpen safety, please visit the Government of Canada's webpage at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/infant-care/playpens.html>

If you have questions regarding your responsibilities as a child care provider, please contact your local Licensing Office to speak with a Licensing Officer.