

Did you know that many infant deaths are caused by suffocation?

Healthy babies are dying because they sleep in unsafe conditions and suffocate. An average of **10 babies a year** die in Monroe County in unsafe sleep conditions. The numbers make it the leading cause of preventable death for healthy infants.

Always follow the ABC's of safe sleep:

A-Alone B-Back C-Crib

Deaths due to unsafe sleep conditions are preventable every time!

Call (585) 319-7446 or email *info@babysafesleep.org* for information on safe sleep practices for your baby.

Visit **babysafesleep.org** for safe sleep tips, resources and videos for you and your baby.

Your baby needs YOU to take care of him/her. There are moments it can be really hard to take care of a baby. Follow these tips. Keep your baby safe and healthy.

- A baby should sleep in the same room as an adult but ALONE on his/her BACK in their own CRIB (A,B,C) with no blankets, pillows, bumpers, toys...every time every place... nap and night time. Your baby should never sleep with anyone or anything: adults, children or pets.
- The only thing in baby's crib should be a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet. Older cribs may not be safe, and make sure there is nothing broken or missing on a crib.
- Your baby should never be put to sleep on a couch or a chair or an adult/child bed. Positioners, monitors or other similar devices are not needed or recommended.
- Car seats for babies are required by law for riding in cars but are not safe for nap or night time sleeping.
- Your baby does not need a blanket! Just a sleep sack or a sleeper is all! You do not want your baby or the room too warm.
- Keep your baby away from situations involving alcohol, drugs or cigarette smoke.



ॐ OUR MISSION

BSSC believes that every baby is loved, cherished, and deserves a chance at a happy, healthy life. We work to save babies from preventable deaths due to unsafe sleep conditions by providing education, community advocacy, and resources to those who care for infants.