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Attention Partners For Children: Safety Alert

(JANUARY 26, 2009) RIVERSIDE, CA — The Riverside County Children & Families Commission, also known as First 5 Riverside, has received confirmation that double-decker cribs (pictured at left) are inappropriate and should not be used in ANY child care facilities, including child care homes and centers. Although these “kennel” cribs are not cited in Title 22, they are considered a health and safety code violation and are therefore, not acceptable (Health and Safety Code Section 24500-24506).



In addition, in the case of a fire or need for immediate escape, babies might not have the chance to save themselves if the licensee cannot get to them quick enough. There is also the potential for abuse in utilizing this type of crib as a restraining device.

First 5 Riverside has reported these cribs to the state licensing board and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Purchases of such devices, which are being marketed at discount prices as of late in California, are NOT RECOMMENDED.

Should you have any questions about this issue or would like to learn about more appropriate devices, please contact First 5 Riverside at 951-248-0014.