

Bed Safety Waiver and Release



Our goal at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is to care for your child in the safest way. To do this, CHLA asks that you **do not** sleep in the same bed with your child while at the hospital. Sleeping in the same bed is called bed sharing. Bed sharing is not safe for a child because it could cause harm or death due to falls or suffocation (blocking breathing). It affects your child's quality of care and can cause injury to the hospital staff.

CHLA also asks that children under the age of 3 years and some children older than the age of 3 not use an adult bed. Placing a child under the age of 3 years in an adult bed is not safe. It could cause harm or death due to falls or having their airway blocked (suffocation). Our health care team will help you choose which bed is safest for your child while they stay in the hospital.

You must watch the safe sleep video before signing this bed waiver.

My signature confirms that I have watched the safe sleep video.

Waiver and Release of Responsibility

Please check the box that applies to you:

- ☐ My child is an infant, less than 12 months of age. I was handed the "Safe Sleep for Your Baby" brochure from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and CHLA's Parent Education Bed Safety Fact Sheet (Safe Sleep for Infants and Toddlers) and have read them. The nurse has talked to me about the risk of sleeping with my infant and that a crib is the safest sleeping area for my infant. I understand that sleeping with my infant in an adult bed is unsafe and may cause harm or death. I also understand that it is safest for my infant to sleep alone on their back in a crib with a firm mattress. I choose to sleep with my infant in the same adult bed instead of a crib during our stay at CHLA.
- ☐ My child is 12 months or older. I was handed the CHLA's Parent Education Bed Safety Fact Sheet (Safe Sleep for Infants and Toddlers) and have read it. The nurse has talked to me about the risks of placing my child in an adult bed. I have been told that a crib is the safest sleeping area for my child. I understand that placing my child in adult bed can cause harm or death due to falls. I choose for my child to sleep in an adult bed instead of a crib during our stay at CHLA.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I take full responsibility for my decisions or actions and will not hold Children's Hospital Los Angeles to blame, at fault, or otherwise legally liable for anything that happens to my child because of my decisions. I assume these risks and agree to release and discharge Children's Hospital Los Angeles and its officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, staff, volunteers, successors and assigns, contractors, from all costs and liabilities arising from and related to my choices. I also agree to hold harmless and defend and indemnify Children's Hospital Los Angeles and its officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, staff, volunteers, successors and assigns, for all costs and liabilities arising from my choices.

Stated another way, the paragraph above means that:

- My choices can come with risks for my child
- I am legally responsible for what I choose to do for my child, especially after hearing about the risks
- I will not hold anything against CHLA, staff members, or related team if something happens to my child because of my choices
- I cannot hold anything against any CHLA, staff members, or related team if something happens to my child because of my choices
- CHLA, staff members, and related team will not be legally responsible if something happens to my child because of my choices
- If CHLA, staff members, or related team gets sued for something that happens because of my choices, I agree to pay CHLA's costs or losses related to a lawsuit or claim

By signing my name below, I am stating that I am over the age of 18 or an emancipated minor (legally free from parents). I have read and fully understand this waiver and release.

Parent/Legal Representative Signature

Date

Witness

Patient Label