



## Bassinets and Cradles

For the first few weeks of a baby's life, some parents prefer to use a bassinet or cradle because it's portable and allows the baby to sleep in their bedroom. But keep in mind that babies grow fast and a cradle that's sturdy enough for a 1-month-old may be outgrown by the next month.

Make sure the bottom of the cradle or bassinet is well supported to prevent its collapse. The cradle or bassinet should also have a wide base so it won't tip over even if someone bumps it; if it has folding legs, make certain that they're locked straight whenever it is being used. In general, your baby should move to a crib (</English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/New-Crib-Standards-What-Parents-Need-to-Know.aspx>) around the end of the first month of life or by the time he weighs 10 pounds.



### Additional Resources:

- [A Parent's Guide to Safe Sleep \(/English/ages-stages/baby/sleep/Pages/A-Parents-Guide-to-Safe-Sleep.aspx\)](/English/ages-stages/baby/sleep/Pages/A-Parents-Guide-to-Safe-Sleep.aspx)
- [Buying Furniture and Baby Equipment \(/English/ages-stages/prenatal/decisions-to-make/Pages/Buying-Furniture-and-Baby-Equipment.aspx\)](/English/ages-stages/prenatal/decisions-to-make/Pages/Buying-Furniture-and-Baby-Equipment.aspx)
- [Suitable Sleeping Sites \(/English/ages-stages/baby/sleep/Pages/Suitable-Sleeping-Sites.aspx\)](/English/ages-stages/baby/sleep/Pages/Suitable-Sleeping-Sites.aspx)

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