

Safety Information and Checklists

for prams/buggies, cots and highchairs



Goods passed on by First Days must be safe and fit for purpose. Our guidance is based on that provided by Trading Standards.

Prams, Buggies and Travel Systems

The term 'wheeled child conveyances' refers to all wheeled vehicles designed to carry one or two babies or infants, but does not apply to transporters for carrycots, toys or vehicles enabling children to move themselves about.

Items must conform to the three points below:

1. Wheeled child conveyances must conform to British Standard 7409 (or an equivalent European Standard) and must be marked BS 7409:1996, together with the name or trademark of the manufacturer or importer. The label with these details is usually found on the frame or seat covering.
2. A permanent notice on the vehicle must state...

Children should be harnessed in at all times and should never be left unattended. The child should be clear of moving parts while making adjustments. This vehicle requires regular maintenance by the user. Overloading, incorrect folding and the use of non-approved accessories may damage or break this vehicle. Read the instructions.

3. Instructions in English must be supplied with each vehicle. They should relate to the operation, assemble, use and maintenance of the vehicle. If the original instructions are lost then replacements may be downloaded from the internet.

Special advice on Maclaren Pushchairs

If you are checking one of the Maclaren models – Volo, Triumph, Quest Sport, Quest Mod, Techno XT, TechnoXLR, Twin Triumph, Twin Techno and Easy Traveller – it must be fitted with a hinge safety cover. Covers are available, free of charge, from the Maclaren website <http://covers.maclaren.co.uk/> and must be fitted before passing on to a new family.

Pram, Buggy, Travel System Safety Checklist

First Days checks all donated prams, buggies, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for rehoming. Safety is of paramount importance to us. First Days are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

When you are donating a pram, buggy or travel system please ensure you can answer yes to all the following:

- Is the item in a condition that you would be happy to receive it in, as a gift?
- Is the item less than 10 years old?
- Does the item have:
 - No sharp edges or points?
 - The folding chassis has a primary and secondary locking device, which both engages and works properly?
 - The safety harness is in good condition with no frayed edges?

- The wheels are secure, and there is no evidence of heavy wear on the edges of the wheels?
- The parking brake is fully functional?
- The permanent label stated 'carelessness causes fire' is present and indicates compliance with the flammability requirements?
- A full set of instructions attached?
- Is the item clean and ready to use?
- Is the upholstery clean with no rips, tears or holes?

Cot/Cotbed safety

First Days checks all donated cots/cot beds, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for rehoming. Safety is of paramount importance to us. First Days are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

When you are donating a cot or cotbed please ensure you can answer yes to all the following:

- Is the item in a condition that you would be happy to receive it in, as a gift?
- Is the item less than 10 years old?
- Are the spaces between the cot bars between 25mm and 60mm (no narrower or wider)?
- Have you included an instruction manual?
- Have you removed any stickers/marks or added decoration?
- Are the screws and fittings supplied and secured to the frame of the cot?
- Has the item been cleaned?

Highchair Safety

First Days checks all donated highchairs, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for rehoming. Safety is of paramount importance to us. First Days are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

When you are donating an item please ensure you can answer yes to the following:

- Is the highchair less than 10 years old?
- Does the highchair have a harness that goes around the child's waist and between their legs?
- Does the highchair have a strong, sturdy frame.
- Does the highchair have a back rest that doesn't squeak, move, sag or collapse under pressure?
- If the highchair is a folding one, it is stable and do all locks work?
- If the highchair has four castors (small wheels), does the front or back pair have brakes (usually a small black switch)?
- For more complex folding highchairs, has a copy of the manual been included?
- Is the highchair clean and in good condition, with no mould in any creases or on any straps?