

## Subchapter H, Basic Care Requirements for Infants

### §747.2301. What are the basic care requirements for infants?

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Basic care for infants must include:

- (1) Individual attention given to each infant including playing, talking, cuddling, and holding [Medium-High];
- (2) Holding and comforting an infant who is upset [Medium-High];
- (3) Prompt attention given to physical needs, such as feeding and diapering [Medium-High];
- (4) Talking to infants as they are fed, changed, and held, such as naming objects, singing, or saying rhymes [Medium-High]; and
- (5) Ensuring objects less than 1 and 1/4 inches in diameter are kept out of the reach of infants or toddlers. [High]

#### Technical Assistance

- Regarding paragraph (3), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that the wishes of children, regardless of their ages, should always be respected with regard to physical contact and their comfort/discomfort with it. If a child indicates that the child does not wish to be held or comforted, even "friendly contact" with a child should be avoided.
- Regarding paragraph (5), objects, materials, and toys less than 1 and ¼ inches in diameter can be stored in places where children of certain age groups may not have access to them. Examples of items that present a choking hazard for infants and toddlers include coins, balloons, safety pins, marbles, Styrofoam® and similar products, and sponge, rubber, or soft plastic toys.