

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Safe Sleep- Recommendation 1

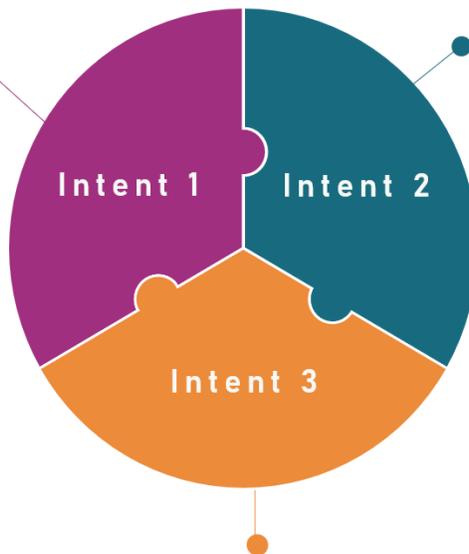
Recommendation Summary: Develop and action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba has a safe sleep surface (crib, bassinette, or culturally appropriate safe alternative)

Primary Public Body: Government of Manitoba

1. Consult with First Nations and Metis governments on an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface

No indication that GOM has reached out to Indigenous governments to develop an action plan.

Outstanding Action: Consultations with Indigenous governments.



2. Develop an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface

GOM is still determining next steps to proceed with analyzing existing programs in preparation of developing an action plan.

Outstanding Action: Development of an action plan.

3. Implement the action plan to ensure every infant under 24 months in Manitoba has a safe sleep surface

An action plan has not been developed yet.

Outstanding Action: Implementation of an action plan.

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The Government of Manitoba is in the very early stages to determine an approach to implementing this recommendation, as some of the areas fall outside of provincial jurisdiction and an analysis/review of programs that support families in accessing safe sleep surfaces are only known to local community service providers.

Recommendation Compliance Summary

This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Safe and Sound: A Special Report on the Unexpected Sleep-Related Deaths of 145 Manitoba Infants
Date Released:	3/26/2020
Full Recommendation (including details)	<p>Recommendation One: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Government of Manitoba develop and implement an action plan, in consultation with First Nations and Metis governments, to ensure that every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface (crib, bassinette, or culturally appropriate safe alternative) in which to sleep. The action plan ought to be targeted to both expectant parents and caregivers of infants under 24 months who cannot afford to purchase a safe sleep surface. The action plan will be designed and delivered based on the child-first and substantive equality principles.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action plan will prioritize the rights of children over jurisdictional or administrative barriers (child-first principle) and achievement of true equality in outcomes (substantive equality). • The action plan will explore recycling and loan programs, and other cost-effective and innovative approaches. • Parents or caregivers living with low incomes and needing a safe sleep surface will be identified through multiple systems including the health care system, Employment and Income Assistance, the Manitoba Prenatal Benefit Program, and Child and Family Services. • Parents or caregivers in need of a safe sleep surface will be able to self-identify. • As per the principle of non-discrimination detailed in the UNCRC, eligibility criteria will ensure that there is no discrimination of any kind, including national or social origins, or on the basis of race, or residence in a rural or remote community. • Existing governmental policies in the child welfare and social assistance programs that relate to the distribution of safe sleep surfaces will be reviewed and revised if they do not comply with the child-first principle. • Barriers to accessing cribs will be identified and mitigated. <p>IMPACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All infants in Manitoba will have a safe sleep surface as is necessary to realize their inherent rights to the highest attainable

	<p>standard of health and to live and thrive (UNCRC, Art. 24, 6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Manitoba will ensure that caregivers have the financial and physical resources they need to support child health and wellbeing (UNCRC, Article 27).
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>The intents of the recommendation are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with First Nations and Metis governments on an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface. Develop an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface. Implement the action plan to ensure every infant under 24 months in Manitoba has a safe sleep surface.
Issue:	Safe Sleep
Public Body	Government of Manitoba
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body	May 31, 2021
2. Compliance Determination	
Non-Compliant 0.0	None or almost none of the requirements have been met; even if steps have been taken towards implementation, actions taken are not in line with the nature and intent of the recommendation, or no actions have been taken.
Self-Assessment	Non-Compliant
Previous Compliance Determination	NA
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	
<p>Intent 1: Consult with First Nations and Metis governments on an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions have been reported about reaching out to Indigenous governments as the Government of Manitoba is still determining next best steps internally before reaching out to external stakeholders beyond its jurisdiction. <p>Intent 2: Develop an action plan to ensure every infant in Manitoba under 24 months has a safe sleep surface.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions have been reported on the development of an action plan as the Government of Manitoba is still reviewing what is required for this recommendation, including how to proceed on analyzing pre-existing programs in Manitoba that support families in accessing safe infant sleep surfaces. <p>Intent 3: Implement the action plan to ensure every infant under 24 months in Manitoba has a safe sleep surface.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An action plan has not been developed yet that can be implemented. <p>Analysis Summary: The Government of Manitoba is still determining an approach to implementing</p>	

this recommendation. As no actions were reported toward implementation, the Government of Manitoba is non-compliant with this recommendation.