



## IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT SAFETY INFORMATION

When preparing to host a Ukrainian family it is very important that everything you provide is safe for the family to use.

**NEVER USE A SECOND HAND CARSEAT** – it impossible to be able to check it has not been in an accident and may make your car insurance invalid.

### SECOND HAND IS OK IF THE FOLLOWING IS CHECKED ✓

#### COT/COT BED/TODDLER BED

- Check all screws and fixings are present.
- Check no cracks or splits in the wood – take special note of the slats, bars and around the fixing holes particularly at the point where the base screws into the head and foot of the cot.
- Check that it is clean.
- If painted check that paint is not badly chipped or flaking.
- Remove any childrens stickers.

**A BRAND NEW MATTRESS & AGE APPROPRIATE BEDDING MUST BE PROVIDED TO MEET SAFER SLEEP GUIDANCE e.g. no duvet for under 1yr**

(for more information on Safer Sleep visit <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/>)

#### PRAM/PUSHCHAIR

- Check it is AGE APPROPRIATE (if for Newborn with carry cot it must also have toddler seat for child to go in to)
- Check it has a fully working 5 point harness.
- Check the brakes work properly.
- If the wheels have innertubes check they are they pumped up with no punctures.
- Check it is clean – no rips/stains/mildew – If it is not clean, most covers can be removed to be washed.
- Check it has a raincover – Universal rain covers will fit most models.

## BOUNCY CHAIR

- Check it is clean – if it is not the covers can be removed and washed.
- Check the harness and clips are fully working.
- Replace batteries if needed.

## PLAYGYM

- Check it is clean (look out for vomit stains).
- Check hanging toys are clean and unbroken.
- Replace batteries if needed.

## HIGH CHAIR

- Check it is thoroughly clean.
- Check 5-point harness is present and clips are fully working.
- Check it has a tray
- Check it is not damaged in anyway and folds or comes apart as designed.

## CLOTHING

- Age appropriate.
- NO CAMOUFLAGE as this can trigger trauma.
- NO FAMILILAL REFERENCES, e.g. mummy/daddy/sister/brother/gran
- NO MARVEL/STAR WARS etc
- It is clean- no stains, rips, heavily worn fabric.
- All zips/poppers/buttons work.
- It still has plenty of wear left in it.

## TOYS

- NO GUNS/MARVEL/STAR WARS
- Age appropriate – you can give younger toys to older children but NOT older toys to younger children e.g. 3yr old can have 2yr toys /3yr old CAN NOT have 4 yr toys
- Check they are clean
- Are they fully working /no pieces missing/batteries replaced if needed