

Bowles Mattress Company - Fire Resistant Mattress F A Q

July 1, 2007 the federal government put into effect a new standard aimed to reduce the potential flammability of mattresses. This new standard will affect all mattress manufacturers and importers that sell or distribute mattresses in the United States. In accordance with the new law, every manufacturer or importer's product designs have to be laboratory tested to ensure compliance with the new standard.

Bowles Mattress Company reviewed multiple FR Solutions before partnering with Global NonWovens, a division of Louisville Bedding Company (a national company that produces and supplies bedding accessories).

The FR barrier being used in all Bowles and Lady Americana products is FireWall™, an inherent high performance fiber barrier. Global NonWovens, who trademarked FireWall™, developed this fiber with **no hazardous substances or topical chemicals**. In fact, the FireWall™ fiber exceeds the current safety standards.

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Q. What "sleep surfaces" are covered by CFR1633?

- A. Adjustable mattresses
Crib and bassinet mattresses
Day beds
Mattress alone, designed to be sold without foundation
Mattress sets (including all foam types)
Futons, including flip chairs
Hybrid flotation and airbed ensembles
Rollaway and Hide-a-beds
Sofa sleeper mattresses, only if detachable
Murphy wall beds with detachable mattress
Trundle beds with detachable mattress
Used/2nd-hand "renovated" (or recovered) mattresses

Q. What products are exempted from CFR1633?

- A. Camping pads/mats (outdoor)
Traditional air beds and bladder water beds (without quilting)
Infant car beds/pads
Sofa sleepers where mattress is **not** detachable

Q. Where can I learn more about the standard and about fire safety?

- A. For more information about the new standard visit:
www.MattressRegulation.org or *www.SafeSleep.org*
These websites are sponsored by the Sleep Products Safety Council, a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing the safety of sleep products, supported by the mattress industry. These sites can help educate everyone in your home about potential fire hazards, learn how to eliminate risky behaviors, and organize and practice a family fire escape plan.

Don't Go To Sleep Yet...

Your new mattress is **NOT** fire-proof

Although your new mattress meets fire safety standards issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, **it will burn if ignited.**

Compared to older mattresses, your new mattress will, if ignited, burn more slowly and less intensely, giving you more time to escape.

Eight Things You Need to Know About Your New Mattress:

1. Don't smoke in bed. This is a common cause of fatal bedroom fires.
2. Keep matches and lighters away from children. Playing with fire can be deadly.
3. Using candles in a bedroom is strongly discouraged. Even a small candle can ignite a deadly fire.
4. Keep space heaters far away from beds and other flammable items. Follow all of the space heater manufacturer's instructions and warnings.
5. Don't run electrical cords under your bed or trap them against a wall. Heat from cords can build up and cause a fire. Avoid placing lamps where they can fall on the bed.
6. Don't sleep with a baby or let a baby sleep in an adult bed. Babies can suffocate or be strangled if trapped between a mattress and a wall or bed frame, or if an adult rolls over them.
7. Discard the plastic wrapping on your mattress. A child or pet can become entangled and suffocate.
8. Promptly dispose of old mattress to avoid a fire hazard.