Reducing SIDS risks whilst promoting breastfeeding

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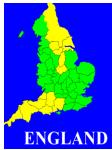


English Observational studies



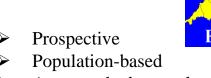
1) Avon Infant Mortality Study (AIMS)

1987-9: 72 SIDS & 144 controls



2) Confidential Enquiry into Stillbirths & **Deaths in Infancy (CESDI) Study**

1993-6: 325 SIDS & 1300 controls



- Age-matched controls
- Contemporaneous
- Ref sleep within 24 hours of interview
- Face to face interviews



3) South West Infant Sleep Scene (SWISS) Study 2003-6: 80 SIDS & 87 controls



4) Avon Cohort Study 1984-2003 *300 SIDS*

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

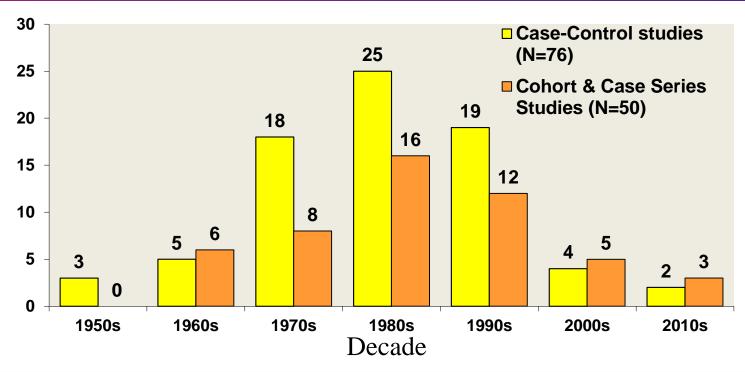
"The sudden death of a baby that is unexpected by history and in whom a thorough necropsy examination fails to demonstrate an adequate cause of death"

Beckwith 1969

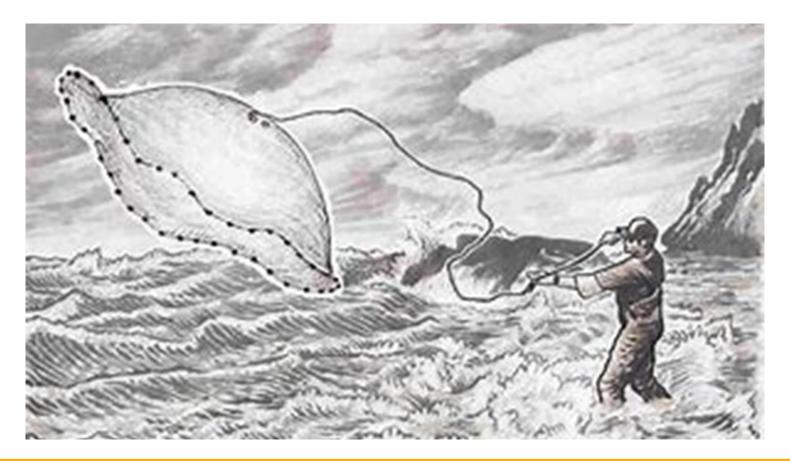
ICD Code R95 (798.0)



SIDS epidemiological observational studies









Cot deaths 'could be linked to long flights'

DEVOTED mum Mandy Ryan has criticised the latest cot death news as scare-mongering. A recent survey by the Soutish Cot Death Trust, into 201 victims and 276 healthy infants, revealed that babies who sleep on driven-modern mattersess may face a higher risk of cot death. But Mandy who lost her first child Connor to cot death in 1993, believes the latest advice could cause may enfusion. cause more confusion.

Mandy and husband Dave now have a daughter Shannon but since Connor's death the couple of WARNING: Parents urged to boycott Boots mattresses linked to too

much coffee

Cot deaths are

How coffee could kill your baby

How smoke got in the eyes of the cot-death research

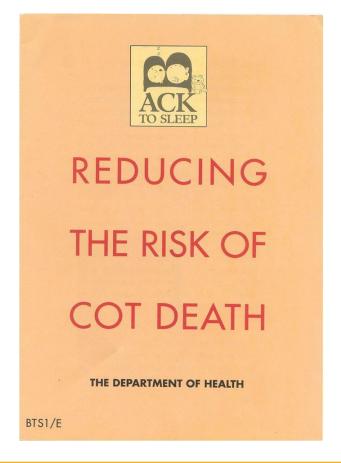
containing caffeine, such as tea and cola



Report blames family doctors link to bedding for many sudden infant deaths

Lorry diesel fumes linked to cot deaths

Invisible soot particles are suspected of penetrating deep into lungs and causing blood clots. Nick Nuttall reports

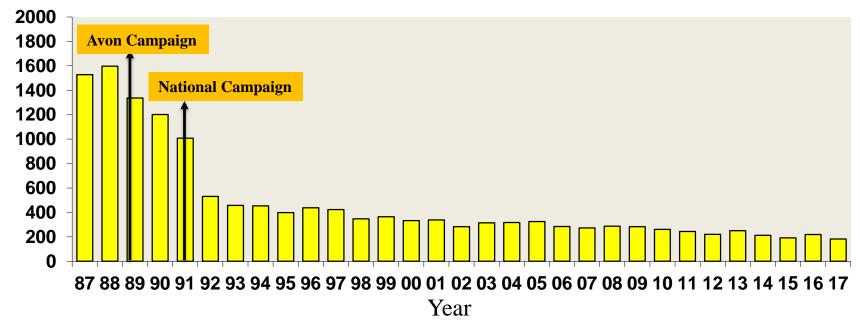


Main messages

- 1) Don't sleep babies on their front
- 2) Don't let your baby get too warm
- 3) Don't smoke during pregnancy or near your baby

The fall in SIDS – Lives saved

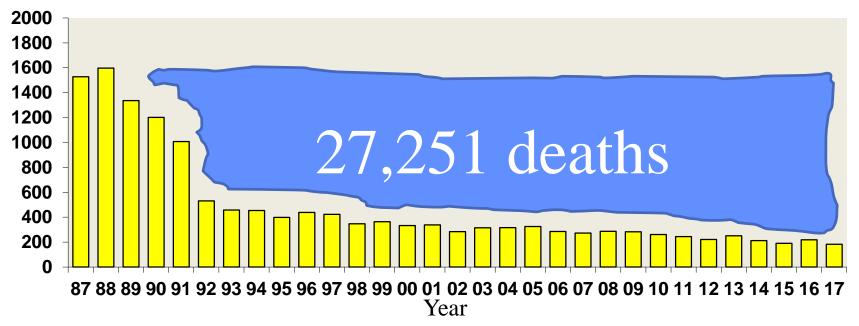
Number of SIDS deaths in E&W





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Risk reduction advice we all agree on

- 1) Put the baby on their back to sleep
- 2) Don't overdress the baby
- 3) Don't use too much bedding
- 4) Make sure the room is not too warm
- 5) Make sure your baby's head remains uncovered
- 6) Use a firm, flat, clean mattress



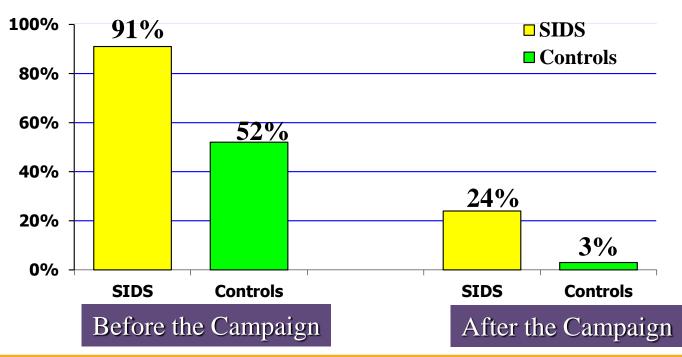
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- 7) Don't use duvets, quilts or pillows
- 8) Don't use electric blankets or hot water bottles
- 9) Breastfeed your baby
- 10) Don't smoke during pregnancy
- 11) Don't let anyone smoke in your home
- 12) Contact your doctor if you are at all concerned

Questions that remain

- 1) Is breastfeeding protective against SIDS?
- 2) Should we be encouraging all infants to use a dummy (pacifier)?
- 3) What advice shall we give about baby boxes?
- 4) What advice shall we give about bed-sharing?

Infants put down prone Before and after campaign















Incubators & prone positioning









Is breastfeeding protective against SIDS?



Univariate risk of bottle-feeding

McGarvey, Ireland 2000

Wennergren, Nordic 1997

Brooke, Scotland 1997

Blair, UK 1996

Klonoff-Cohen, US 1995

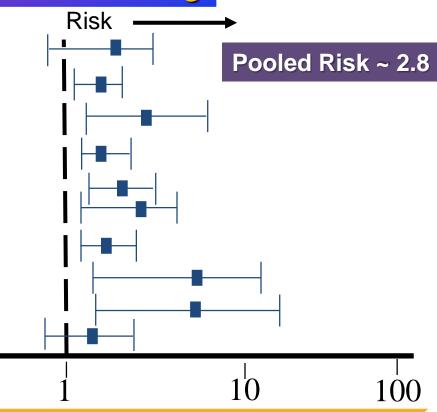
Gilbert, England 1995

Mitchell, New Zealand 1992

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Carpenter, England 1965

Froggatt, N Ireland 1961

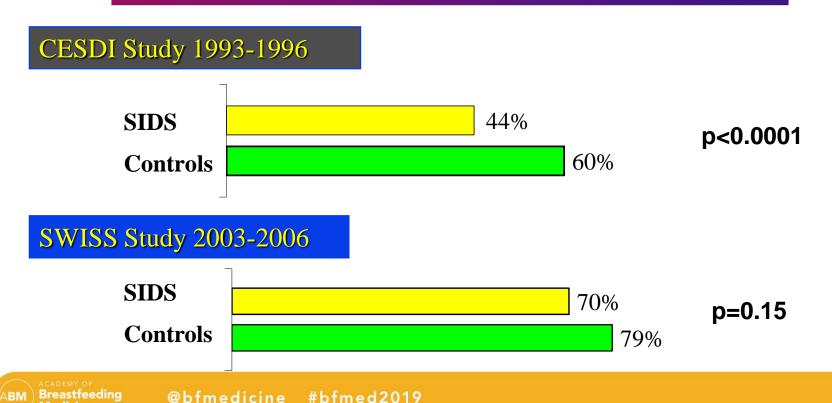


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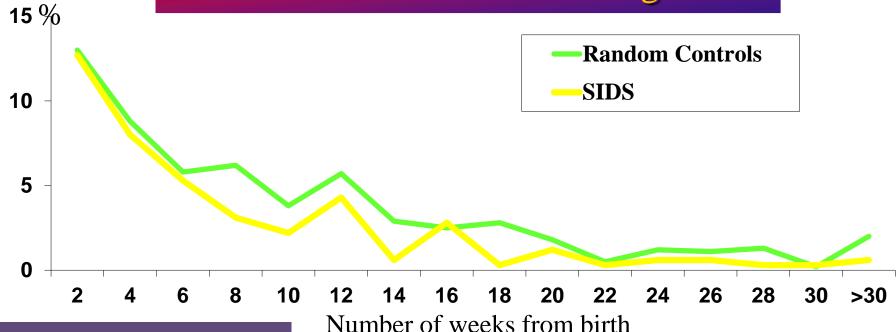
McVea KI et al. J Human Lactation 2000

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Infant breastfeeding attempted







N=323 Deaths & 1298 Controls Source : CESDI SUDI study



Duration of Breastfeeding and Risk of SIDS: An Individual Participant Data Meta-analysis

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- > 8 studies 2267 SIDS, 6837 controls
- Any breastfeeding > 2 months halved the risk of SIDS
- Greater protection with increased duration
- > Breastfeeding did not have to be exclusive to confer protection

Thompson JMD et al. *Pediatrics* 2017;140(5):e20171324



Protective mechanisms?

- ➤ Increased immunity from the breast milk?
- ➤ Brain Development?
- ➤ Arousal mechanism?
- > Proxy marker for a different infant care practice?
- > Proxy marker for something unmeasured

Should we be encouraging all infants to use a dummy (pacifier)?





Dummies 'slash cot death risk by 90pc'

by JENNY HOPE, Daily Mail



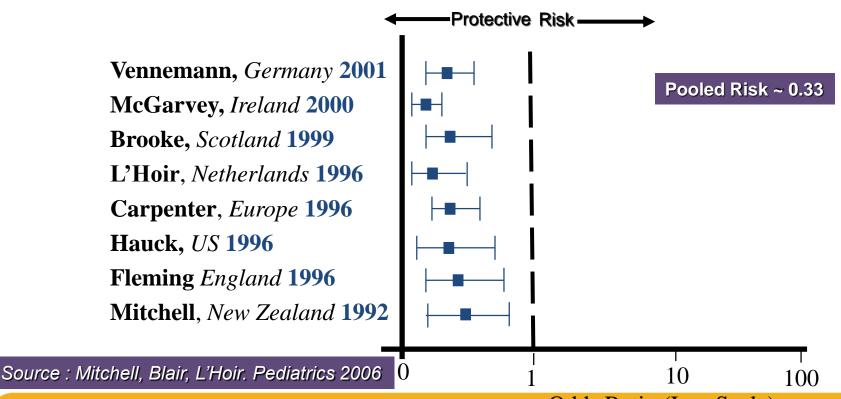
DUMMY AT BEDTIME CUTS COT DEATH RISK BY 90%

It helps tots breathe, say docs

By Greig Box



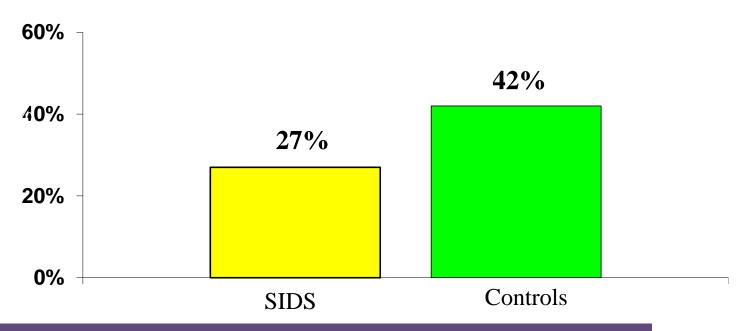
Multivariate risk of using a dummy for the last sleep





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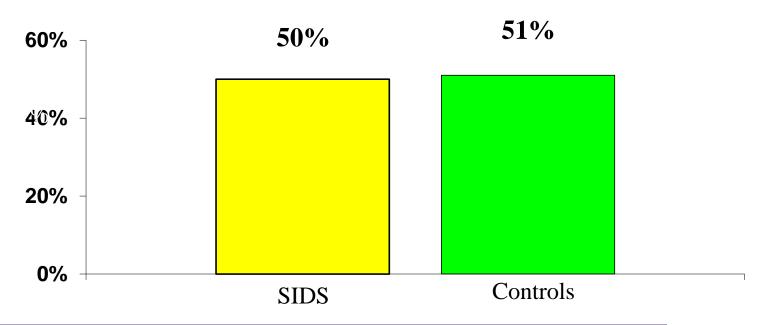
Dummy use for last sleep



Based on 8 studies (Mitchell, Blair, L'Hoir, Pediatrics 2006)



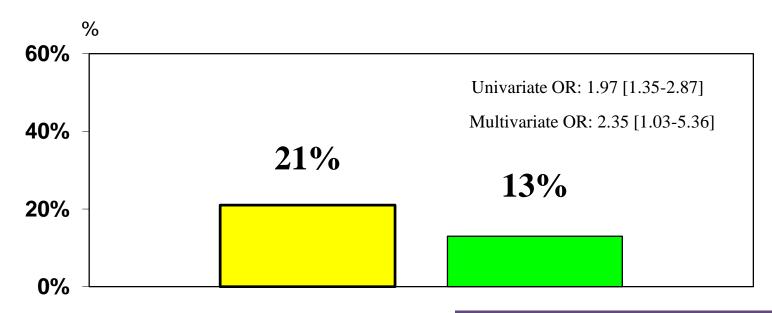
Habitual dummy use



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Change in routine for the last sleep



CESDI Study: 321 SIDS & 1299 controls

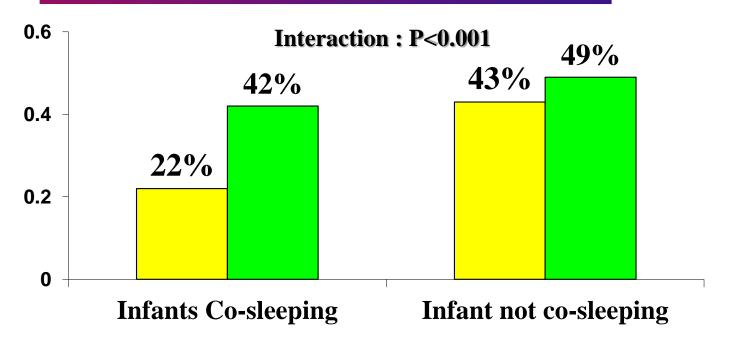


Change in routine: anecdotal evidence

- An estimated 50% (64/127) of SIDS cases who were bed-sharing on the night they died were unaccustomed to this type of sleeping arrangement. (McGarvey et al 2006)
- "For 19 (73%) of the 26 co-sleeping deaths, co-sleeping was **not their** usual sleeping arrangement and the parent had chosen to co-sleep for a specific reason, usually that the infant was unsettled." (Child Death Review Programme and all Wales Perinatal Survey 2015).

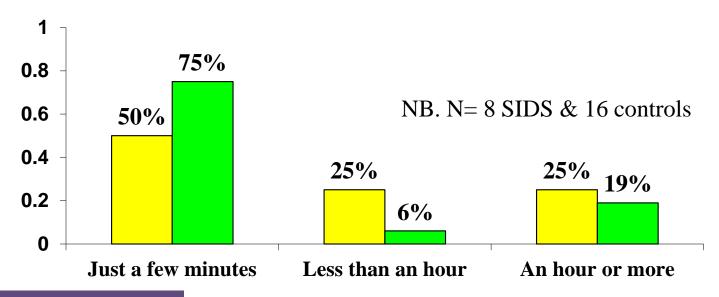
CESDI & SWISS combined

Interaction of dummy use and co-sleeping





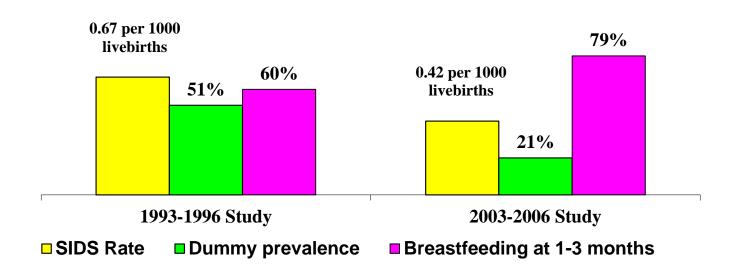
Duration of dummy use for last sleep



Source: SWISS SUDI study



Changes in SIDS rate, dummy use and breastfeeding prevalence at 1-3 months of age





Pacifiers and breastfeeding: a systematic review.

Nina R. O'Connor, MD; Kawai O. Tanabe, MPH; Mir S. Siadaty, MD, MS; Fern R. Hauck, MD, MS

Abstract results

17/25 observational studies reported an association between pacifier use and shortened duration of breastfeeding

4 RCT's recruiting mothers who were keen to breastfeed showed no difference

Abstract conclusion

The highest level of evidence does not support an adverse relationship between pacifier use and breastfeeding duration



What advice should we give about baby boxes?





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CARDBOARD BABY BOXES

Concerns about the promotion of a cardboard baby box as a place for infants to sleep

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 - Questionable provision of a lid
 - Low level draughts and use by young siblings or pets
 - Putting the box on raised surfaces
 - Fire-retardant?
- Undermining current safety messages



Programme iteration report January 2019 **Baby Box Pilot**





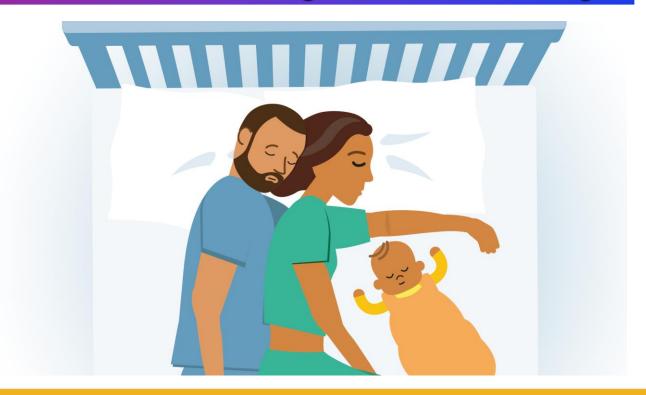
Wahakura?



Pepi-Pod?



What advice should we give about bed-sharing?





Univariate risk of bed-sharing - prior to fall in SIDS

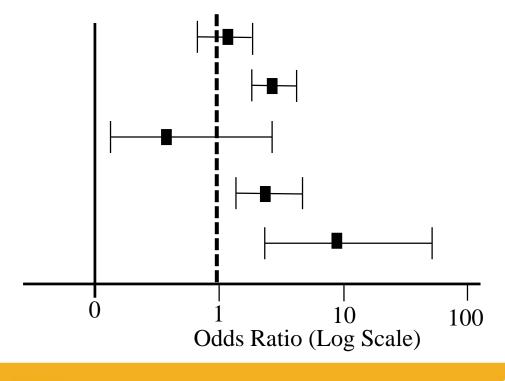
Klonoff-Cohen, *US* **1989-92**

Mitchell, *NZ* 1987-90

Lee, Hong Kong 1986-87

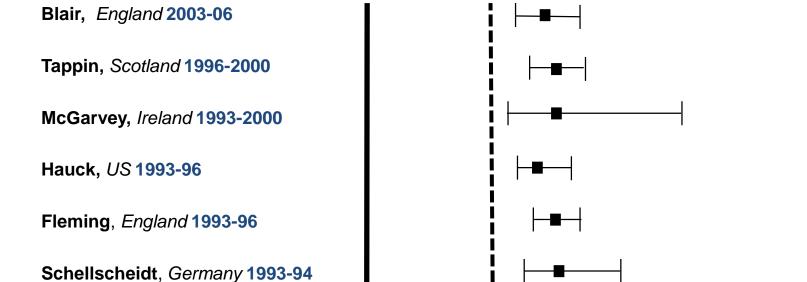
Luke, US 1973-76

Carpenter, England 1958-61





Univariate risk of bed-sharing - after fall in SIDS

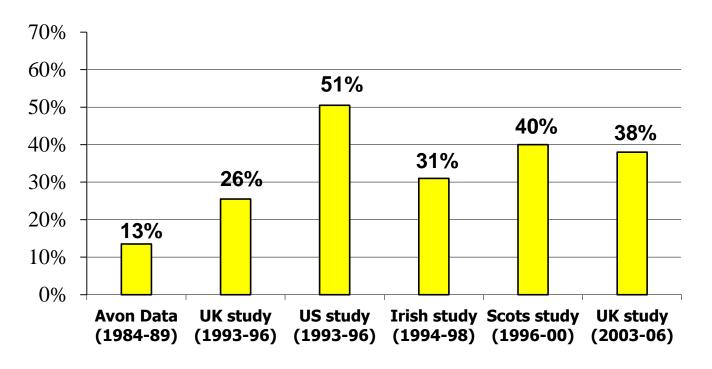




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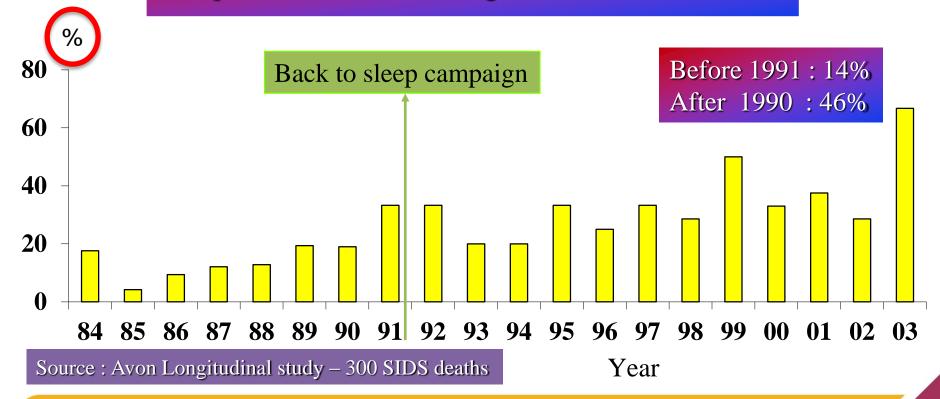
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Proportion of bed-sharing deaths across studies



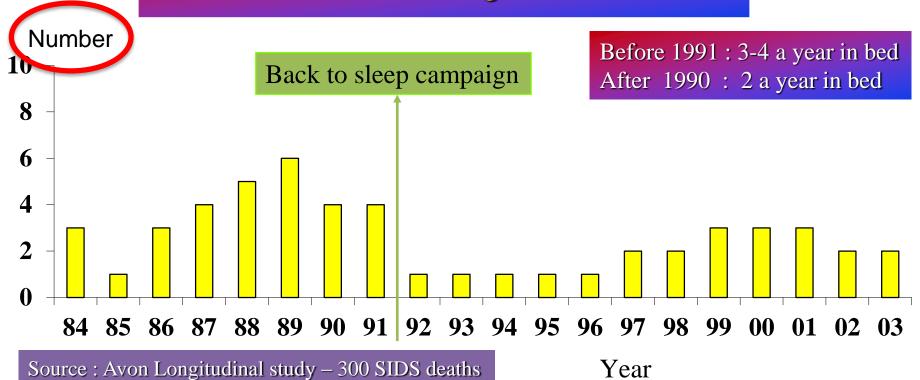


Proportion of bed-sharing SIDS deaths in Avon



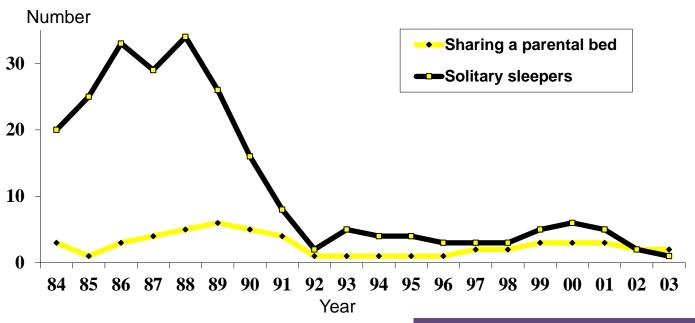


Number of bed-sharing SIDS in Avon





The fall in solitary sleeping SIDS in Avon

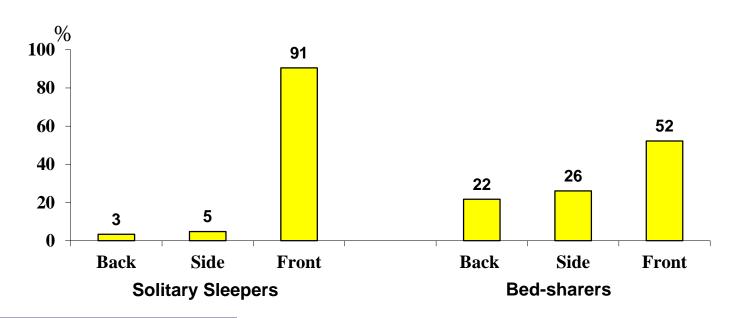


Source: Avon Longitudinal Study



Sleeping position in the 1980s in Avon

Solitary Sleepers vs Bed-sharers



Source : Avon Longitudinal study





Bed sharing when parents do not smoke: is there a risk of SIDS? An individual level analysis of five major case-control studies

Robert Carpenter, ¹ Cliona McGarvey, ² Edwin A Mitchell, ³ David M Tappin, ⁴ Mechtild M Vennemann, ⁵ Melanie Smuk, ¹ James R Carpenter ^{1,6}

		<u>Drugs</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>	Sofas	<u>Smoking</u>
New Zealand Study	1987-1990	N	N	N	Υ
European Study	1992-1996	N	Y/N	N	Υ
Irish Study	1994-2003	N	Y	Y	Υ
Scottish Study	1996-2000	N	N	N	Υ
German Study	1998-2001	N	N	Y	Y

1472 SIDS & 4679 controls

AOR for non-hazardous bed-sharing in younger infants: 5.1 [95% CI 2.3 -11.4]

Reference group: breastfed baby girls placed on their back by nonsmoking parents having no other risk factors





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Bed-Sharing in the Absence of Hazardous Circumstances: Is There a Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome? An Analysis from Two Case-Control Studies Conducted in the UK



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CESDI SUDI Study	1993-1996	N	Y	Y	Υ
SWISS study	2003-2006	Y	Y	Y	Y

400 SIDS & 1386 controls

CESDI & SWISS combined Infants found co-sleeping for the last sleep

	SIDS (Controls	Multivariate OR	<u>P-value</u>
Did not co-sleep	255	1173	1.00 [Ref Group]	
Co-slept:				
on a sofa or chair	33	7	18.34 [7.10-47.35]	< 0.0001
adult > 2 units of alcohol	29	12	18.29 [7.68-43.54]	< 0.0001
Adult who smoked	59	63	4.04 [2.41-6.75]	< 0.0001
In absence of above hazards	24	131	1.08 [0.58-2.01]	< 0.82



CESDI & SWISS combined Infants found co-sleeping for last sleep (<98 days old)

	SIDS (Controls	Adjusted OR	<u>P-value</u>
Did not co-sleep	110	566	1.00 [Ref Group]	
Co-slept:				
on a sofa or chair	22	5	21.44 [7.93-58.04]	< 0.0001
adult > 2 units of alcohol	19	5	19.35 [7.05-53.11]	< 0.0001
Adult who smoked	47	26	8.93 [5.27-15.14]	< 0.0001
In absence of above hazards	23	70	1.62 [0.96-2.73]	< 0.07



CESDI & SWISS combined Infants found co-sleeping for last sleep (≥98 days old)

	<u>SIDS</u>	Controls	Adjusted OR	P-value
Did not co-sleep	145	607	1.00 [Ref Group]	
Co-slept:				
on a sofa or chair	11	2	23.86 [5.22-109.2]	< 0.0001
adult > 2 units of alcohol	10	7	6.38 [2.38-17.12]	0.0002
Adult who smoked	12	37	1.42 [0.72-2.79]	0.32
In absence of above hazards	1	61	0.08 [0.01-0.52]	0.009







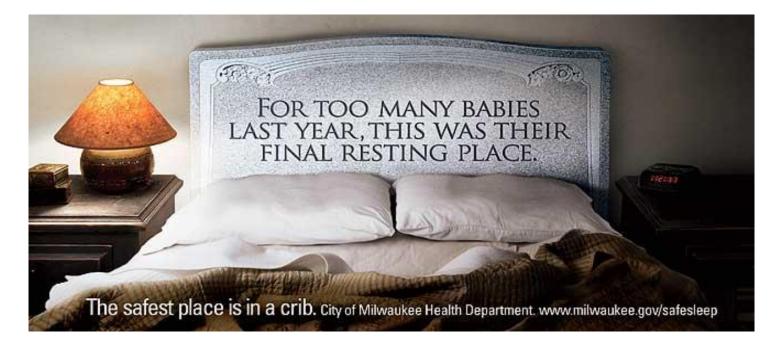






City of Milwaukee: Anti- bedsharing Campaign.





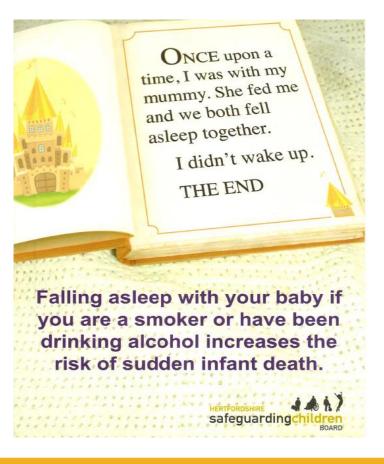


Wisconsin Anti- bedsharing Campaign.

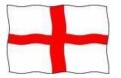








Safeguarding Campaign in Hertfordshire



ISPID statement on fear-based prevention strategies

..... ISPID is deeply concerned with recent health promotion campaigns that vilify parents or go too far with symbolism (for example: bed headboards as tombstones, or mothers depicted as meat cleavers or ogres in fairy tales). These over-simplified health campaigns might also mislead the public on the facts surrounding SIDS and its prevention.

We believe that such strategies are unnecessary, can be misleading and are very hurtful to parents who are already in deep pain. We disavow such strategies and encourage those who create campaigns for perinatal or infant death prevention to seriously consider the impact on parents who have had babies die and the extreme fear these might cause those parents with newborn infants.







Moon RY et al.

Health Messaging and African-American Infant Sleep Location: A Randomized Controlled Trial.

J Community Health. 2016 Jul 28.

"Despite AAP recommendations to avoid bedsharing, public health efforts have been unsuccessful in changing behaviors."

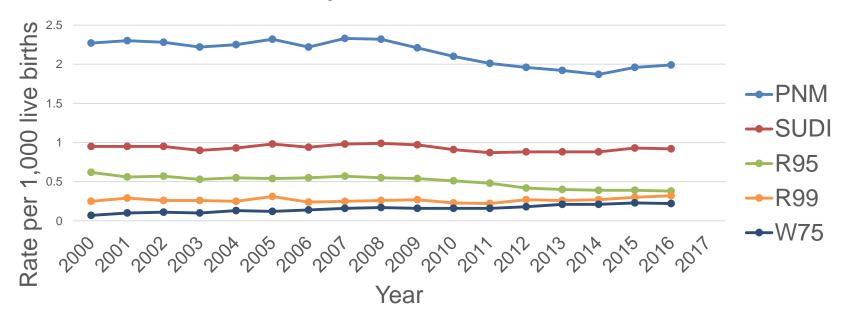
"African-American mothers who received an enhanced message about SIDS risk reduction and suffocation prevention were no less likely to bedshare with their infants."



The United States of America



SUDI Deaths by ICD-10 Code, 2000 - 2016 USA







Caring for your baby at night A guide for parents















BED-SHARING

Some parents choose to sleep with their baby in bed and some fall asleep with their baby during the night while feeding and comforting whether they intend to or not. Therefore it is very important to consider the following points....





If you decide to share a bed with your baby:

- Keep your baby away from the pillows
- Make sure your baby cannot fall out of bed or become trapped between the mattress and wall
- Make sure the bedclothes cannot cover your baby's face
- Don't leave your baby alone in the bed, as even very young babies can wriggle into a dangerous position
- It is not safe to bed-share in the early months if your baby was born very small or pre-term



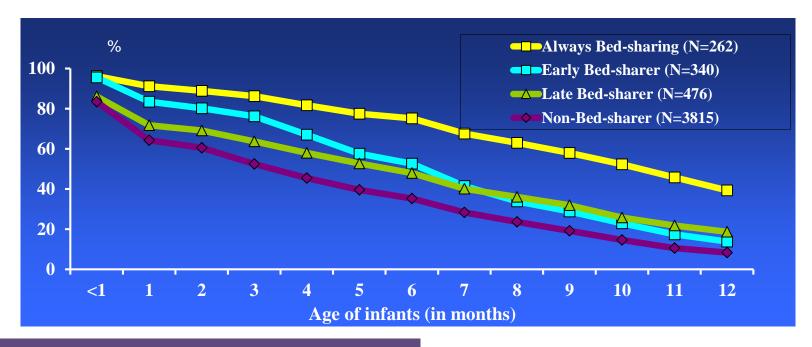


WARNING

- Ensure your baby has a clear flat sleep space
- Do not sleep with your baby when you have been drinking any alcohol or taking drugs (legal or illegal)
- Do not sleep with your baby if you or anyone else in the bed is a smoker
- Do not put yourself in the position where you could doze off with your baby on a sofa or armchair

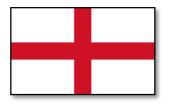
Prevalence of breastfeeding amongst different bed-sharing groups





Blair PS, Heron J, Fleming PJ. Pediatrics 2010

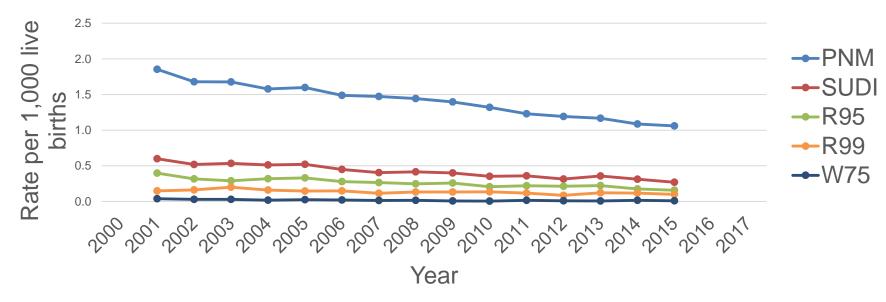




England and Wales



SUDI Deaths by ICD-10 Code, 2001 - 2015 England & Wales



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