

## DONATIONS GUIDELINES

In order to ensure that every item we rehome is of good quality, safe to use and fit for purpose, all donations are checked over by a member of the Growbaby team to ensure they meet our guidelines and are ready for families to receive. We are grateful for your help in making essential checks before donating any item to us.

We are only able to accept items that are:

- In good working condition; with necessary safety fittings and free from obvious defects.
- Clean and free of mould and rust.
- Of an appropriate age (any items too old and/or do not meet currently safety regulations will not be accepted).
- Have the relevant fire labels, health and safety marks (i.e. CE/UKCA/Kitemark) and comply with British Standards.

In addition to the above:

- **Clothes** will be checked for age sizes and condition i.e. no stains, marks, rips or tears.
- **Toys** should be age-appropriate and complete with no damaged, sharp, loose or small, parts which could present a choking hazard.  
**Battery operated toys** should have a screw-locked compartment that is secure and undamaged. Batteries should be checked to ensure they are undamaged and replaced where necessary.
- **Cots & Bedside Cribs** should be complete with no missing parts or broken pieces. All fittings and screws securely attached. Cots should be less than 10 years olds. Instruction manuals should be attached where possible.
- **Moses Baskets** should not have splits in the weave. Handles must be securely attached within the original weave. Not replaced or altered.
- **Mattresses** will be checked for age and condition; no water damage, stains, rips, tears or mould. Mattresses should be firm and flat (with no areas of sagging), and should fit its accompanying cot/Moses basket properly with no gaps. Mattresses should have a well fitted, waterproof cover.
- **Buggies, strollers, prams** must have correctly working brakes. All wheels and tyres must be in good working order. Safety straps must be complete and undamaged. Please also provide any accessories, raincovers, instructions and spares parts you have along with your buggy/stroller/pram.
- **Highchairs** must have all safety straps in complete working order. Any seat pads/cushions should be free from tears and holes. Removeable trays must be undamaged and fit securely.

We are unable to accept any items that fail to meet the guidelines above.

## British Safety Standards

- **Cots** must comply with British safety standards and show the label:  
**BS EN716-1:2017** (supersedes BS EN 716-1:2008+A1:201 and BS EN 716-1:2008)
- **Beside Cribs** must comply with British safety standards and show the label:  
**BS EN 1130: 2019**
- **Travel Cots:** must comply with British safety standards and show the label:  
**BS EN 716-1:2017** (supersedes BS EN 716-2:2008+A1:2013)
- **Mattresses** must comply with British safety standards and show the label:  
**BS EN 16890:2017 | BS 1877-10:2011+A1:2012**
- **Highchairs** must comply with British safety standards a show the label:  
**BS EN 14988-2017+A1-2020** (supersedes BS EN 14988-2017).
- **Buggies, strollers, prams** must comply with British safety standards:  
**BS EN 1888-1:2018 | BS EN 1888-1:2018+A1:2022 | BS EN 1888-2:2018+A1:2022**
  
- **Toys** must be CE marked.

## What are CE, UKCA and Kitemarks?

'The **CE** mark proves that a product meets minimum legal safety, health and environmental protection requirements.



The **UKCA** mark has been introduced since the UK left the European Union and replaces the CE mark for certain products being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). Like the CE mark, it demonstrates that a product meets necessary legal requirements. It is not recognized in the European Union so any relevant product being sold on the European market still requires the CE mark.

Unlike the CE mark and UKCA mark, the **BSI Kitemark** is a voluntary mark of trust, so is not required by law, and cannot be used in place of the other marks. The Kitemark demonstrates that a product or service has been independently assessed against strict criteria to ensure it meets pre-determined quality standards, over and above any legal safety requirements. Manufacturers and service industries use the Kitemark to demonstrate safety, reliability, security, sustainability and quality.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> British Standard Institute, bsigroup.com: <https://www.bsigroup.com/en-IN/blog/kitemark-blog/ce-mark-ukca-mark-bsi-kitemark-and-g-mark---whats-the-difference/> (accessed 09/04/24)