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In response to the recent [CPSC statement](#) and [Infantino SlingRider Recall](#)., Moms in Mind would like to highlight that Babywearing is an age old practice that is safe when done correctly! When properly positioned, a baby in a sling is as safe as a baby in arms. Please do visit our website and view our Demonstration Video on how to properly position your baby in our sling. We share the CPSC's concern about the safety of bag-type slings, and strongly encourage parents and caregivers to be informed about sling safety.

Do note the difference between the bag-type slings that are being recalled.

In Bag-Type Slings:

1. Babies are forced to curl chin-to-chest in bag-type slings. In this way, their airways in the neck becomes compromised and the baby would find it more difficult to breathe.
2. The bag-type sling hangs very low and cannot be adjusted further, hence a lot of fabric would cover the baby's face. The baby can easily have his head/nose pressed against the sling fabric and breathing once again becomes difficult through the thick heavyweight fabric. It is also difficult to monitor the child through this thick fabric.

Moms in Mind Slings are not Bag-Type Slings: In comparison, our soft and lightweight fabric slings can be adjusted fully, such that the baby can be positioned above the wearer's waistline.

Exerpts of Safety Guidelines from our Website:

<http://www.momsinmind.com.sg/slingtests.html>

- The baby's body should be encased by the cloth, but his face should be not covered by carrier cloth, blankets, or other additional clothing while in the baby carrier.
- While breastfeeding, do also be aware that baby's breastfeeding may be shaded from public eye, but his face does not need to be closely covered by any cloth or blanket. There should be airspace around the baby.
- For the upright positions, always make sure the baby is securely inside, and that the cloth does not slip up the baby's legs or back. If you have not properly wrapped the the cloth around the baby's bottom and knees, please do continue to hold onto your baby.
- If your baby is very wriggly, please do keep your arms on him to restrain him and hold him.

You may also wish to explore this news further by reading on published News Articles and Research about this:

- **CBC News:** Infant bag-sling risks well-known: experts (29 March 2010)
[\[http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2010/03/29/consumer-slingrider-baby-sling.html\]](http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2010/03/29/consumer-slingrider-baby-sling.html)
- **The Columbus Dispatch:** Bag-Shape Baby Slings Recalled (25 March 2010)
[\[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/03/25/bag-shape-baby-slings-recalled.html?sid=101\]](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/03/25/bag-shape-baby-slings-recalled.html?sid=101)
- **Statement by Babywearing International:** CPSC and Infant Sling Safety
[\[http://babywearinginternational.org/pages/InfantSlingSafety.php\]](http://babywearinginternational.org/pages/InfantSlingSafety.php)
- **Babywearing Safety:** "Bag" Slings (this has photos to illustrate how it is in the Bag Slings)
[\[http://baby-carrier.blogspot.com/2008/01/draft-babywearing-safety-bag-slings.html\]](http://baby-carrier.blogspot.com/2008/01/draft-babywearing-safety-bag-slings.html)

For more information about safe positioning, please see:

<http://babywearinginternational.org/pages/safety.php>

How a Young Baby should be in the Baby Carrier:

Cradle Position	Lying Down Position
	
	
<p>Sling should be adjusted so baby lies high up and is not covered by sling fabric</p>	<p>Baby will be lying down flat so that his neck is not scrunched against his chest so he can breathe smoothly.</p>

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