

Bunk bed checklist

Bunk beds include any bed with a sleeping surface which is 800mm (about 32") above the floor. The sleeping surface is the base of the bed not including the mattress or upholstery.

Following a number of accidents where young children have fallen through gaps in the restraining rails and trapped their heads causing serious injury or death, regulations exist which govern the size of gaps in the structure of the bunk bed.

Product:

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Serial number:

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Record any checks you have done – use one sheet per product (photocopy as necessary).

- 1 Must have barriers all around the top bunk and secure from unintentional loosening. Yes No
- 2 The upper edge of the barrier should be at least 260mm from the upper surface of the base and at least 160mm from the top of a mattress. Yes No
- 3 An access gap of between 300 - 400mm wide from a point level with the maximum mattress thickness mark (160mm) to a point 160mm above that mark. Yes No
- 4 Ensure that the gaps in the base or sleeping surface are not more than 75mm. Yes No
- 5 Ensure all other gaps in the structure are not less than 60mm and not more than 75mm. Yes No
- 6 If there is an opening in the side of the bunk, it should be on the long side. Yes No
- 7 The gap between the upper surface of the lower bed base and the underside of the upper bed base must be at least 750mm. Yes No
- 8 Does the bed allow ventilation? Yes No
- 9 Are the bed bases in sound condition? Yes No
- 10 Is the structure smooth and free from burrs and splinters? Yes No
- 11 Is the ladder to the top bunk secure and in sound condition? Yes No

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