

Attn Miriam Rutherford

Auckland

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Dear Miriam,

I am writing to you to thank you for a remarkable childcare product. My husband Robert and I were given a Safe T Sleep 'Sam' from a friend before the birth of our daughter, Elizabeth (now 22 months old). We researched its use via Plunket and friends and magazines and found out that they help to reduce cot death risk by keeping baby on its back or side.

After Elizabeth was born we were shocked to find that she had a unilateral cleft lip and palate. The surgeon told us what was required to mend it and she had her first surgery at 5 months.

Prior to the surgery we used our S.T.S to keep a reflux baby safely in position on her side on a tilted mattress. She could not slide down the bed and end up under the covers which is another cot death risk.

While in Middlemore hospital we used our S.T.S for the same reason and to keep her face away from the cot bars and her pillow while her facial reconstruction surgery was healed.

The nursing staff liked them, as they knew the child could come to no harm while it was left alone or while the child's parent slept beside it at night.

As you can see from the photos – she slept well while in hospital and liked to have her arms inside the S.T.S while sleeping (even with the splints) as this made her feel secure (photo 1).

When playing we left her in the S.T.S but sat her up in a bit on pillows (photo 2). With this arrangement she could play but not topple against the cot bars or bang against the toys, which was so very important as any knock could rupture the sutures and end in a failed result.

We even fed her in it when I needed my hands free and couldn't hold her. As you can see from the last photo she was not very happy with the whole procedure but we know she was safe, secure and comfortable.

Now at nearly two Elizabeth sleeps in a single bed in her S.T.S. we know she can't get out and up to mischief in the night and she knows bed means sleep. We will not hesitate to use a S.T.S for any future children we may have and strongly recommend its use to all mothers. The peace of mind is worth every cent.

Warmest Thanks
Sarah & Robert Gill