



## BUYING GUIDES

# SWINGS

### SOOTHING AND FUN FOR DAYTIME CARE

Daytime care products like swings and bouncers provide soothing comfort for baby and a fun play environment to keep their interest. When baby has been in your arms for awhile and you need to set her down, keep her happy and intrigued in a swing with toys, music, soothing sounds, vibrations, and a comfortable swinging seat. Babies love to fall asleep in swings and bouncers, and they love to wake up and play with the activities many include! There are full-size swings, travel swings, and a variety of bouncers.

### HERE ARE SOME FEATURES TO CONSIDER:

#### Battery Operated Timers and Adjustable Speed Control

Purchase a battery-operated swing that does not require you to wind-up the swing manually, and also allows you to set a timer on how long you would like baby to swing. Speed control is an excellent option as babies may enjoy a slower, soothing swinging motion when they are sleepy or a faster, fun swinging motion to keep their happy mood. An adjustable dial or easy flip buttons will allow you to adjust the speed from fast to slow at any time. Sometimes to start up, you will need to give a swing a gentle push to get the motion going. Then, the swing can keep baby soothed for hours.

#### Padded Seats and Head Supports

Check out the samples displayed in stores and feel the seat materials. While swing seats should be large enough to hold a child up to 25 pounds, you also want them to sit or rest comfortably in a cushioned seat.

#### Seat Recline

The Perfect Height Swing is perfect for newborns by offering a recline position to cradle your newborn's head. It also comes with a removable head support to help baby keep her head from slouching over or cause any dangerous suffocation hazards. Recline the seat for naptime and place it in upright for playtime.

#### Delightful Entertainment : Toys, Lights, Music

Babies can easily get over-stimulated, but features like toys, flashing lights, playtime music, naptime music, and fun sounds will keep baby entertained while you are busy around the house. The option of removing the toys while baby is sleeping or turning them off when she starts to nap are great features. An automatic timer setting will keep the entertainment going and then slowly power down as baby starts to relax. This also helps extend the life of the batteries in the unit. Look for a swing that comes with music, lights, and toys to keep baby happy, but then can be easily removed to reach baby.

#### Height Adjustment

Height adjustable swings give you the opportunity to provide a slower, gentler swing in a raised position, which is good for newborns, or place it in the lower position for a fuller swinging motion for older infants.

#### Removable Tray

Use the tray for snack time or playtime. A removable or flip tray will help you to place baby in and out of the swing easily.

#### Folding for Storage

Since swings need to be large enough to support baby and the swinging motion, the feet and legs must be sturdy and secure. Many swings will allow you to fold them and place them for storage or travel. There are several smaller travel swings on the market now that many people prefer to use for travel as opposed to a full-size swing.

#### Safety Tips

- Use swings for infants up to 25 pounds, about 9 months old, or until they can begin to climb out of swing.