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Safe Sleep Campaign in Sumter County

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office has partnered with The Department of Children and Family Services along with the Healthy Start Coalition to promote the Safe Sleep Campaign. The safety and welfare of children is important to Sheriff Farmer. According to Florida Department of Children and Families, since January of 2013 there have been 128 alleged reported infant deaths due to unsafe sleep.

The Safe Sleep Campaign encourages the public to drop off new Pack 'n Plays (portable cribs) to the designated fire, emergency and law enforcement stations. The cribs will then be distributed to low income or families in need by the Healthy Start Coalition. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies sleep ALONE, on their BACKS and in a crib. The cribs should not include items such as blankets, pillows or stuffed animals.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office will have two drop off sites, please drop the new Pack 'n Plays at one of these locations:

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| Bushnell- | Villages- |
| Sumter County Sheriff's Office | The Villages Sheriff Annex |
| 1010 N. Main Street | 8033 E C-466 |
| Bushnell, FL 33513 | Lady Lake, FL 32159 |

For more information please visit www.MyFLFamilies.com/SafeSleep

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