#### Rehabilitation Centre for Children

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### **SAFETY CHECK LIST**

# ✓ Breathing

- Make note of how your child is breathing before putting them in their sleep positioning equipment.
- If it is too slow/fast or they are struggling, take them out immediately

### ✓ Temperature

- Know your child's baseline temperature. Check your child's temperature for 5 days while they are feeling well. Use the average of the 5 days as your baseline.
- Temperature should not raise more than 1 degree from their baseline while they are sleeping.
- Make adjustments, monitor, and remove if necessary.
- Sweating is normal during sleep, but soaking the sheets with sweat is not.

### ✓ Skin

- Check for redness.
- If redness does not go away within 30 minutes of removing equipment, contact your therapist.
- Check for wrinkles in the sheets or toys left in the bed to be sure your child is not lying on anything.

### ✓ Pain

 You know your child best! If they present with any signs of pain, discontinue use and call your physiotherapist or occupational therapist.

# ✓ Reflux/Aspiration

 Be cautious about neck and head position. You may need to raise the head of the bed. Follow your doctor's recommendation.

### **STOP IF UNSURE**