### Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

*Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)* is the sudden, inexplicable death of an infant younger than 1. Although the Back to Sleep campaign urging parents to put their infants to sleep on their backs has reduced the incidence of this syndrome, thousands of babies in the United States die from this condition. Risk factors for this condition include the following:

- Babies who sleep on their stomachs
- Babies who have soft bedding in the crib