

## Comments from parents who used pēpi-pods for their babies following the Christchurch earthquakes in 2011

### About closeness

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- If we were having shaky days I would keep him out in the lounge with me.
- I could keep my baby close.
- I loved it having baby close to us with the earthquakes and knowing she was safe sleeping with us
- it was helpful during the Christchurch earthquakes, keeping him close
- Amazed how kind and caring people are who created these, especially at a time when being close to our little ones was so important.
- I wish there was a larger one for 4-7 or 8 months as I would still like to sleep in bed with baby if I could.
- wanted baby close
- Peace of mind and general appreciation
- A simple yet wonderful idea that offers simple safe sleeping solutions for babies in uncertain times.
- Due to the earthquakes I could settle baby to sleep and take the pēpi-pod from room to room with me which gave me peace of mind.
- Pēpi-pod is really great to use. Peace of mind.
- Really thankful for it
- Fantastic with the worry of earthquakes down here in Christchurch - I could keep my baby close.
- It was great.
- It was really nice to know that people all over New Zealand were thinking about new mothers in Christchurch with the earthquakes. It was quite humbling
- it gave me peace of mind that my baby was safe if there was another earthquake I knew where she was and very easy to move in a rush
- It was a great to have. in case of earthquakes
- It was an amazing initiative, which I really appreciated post-earthquake. Absolutely great.
- It was one of the most helpful things we received, considering the earthquakes, and we are very grateful to the people who provided it. We still use it every time we go back to Christchurch with baby

### About practical support

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- It was a very practical item that was easily transportable and made an ideal portable bed when we stayed away from home.
- I loved the fact that if we had to evacuate baby bed could come too.
- Very helpful and easy to carry everywhere. It's awesome.
- Able to use when staying at others places, awesome for floor play.
- Really helpful both during the night and day. Harvey like to lie in his on the couch and play with his baby gym

- I could get in and out of bed without disturbing her sleep, when any aftershocks occurred during the night so that I could check up on the other children after an aftershock
- It was great to be able to go on holiday or to friends' homes and know I had a safe place for my baby to sleep.
- The pēpi pod was great for me. I wanted it more to do with the earthquakes so if I had to leave I could just pack up and go and not worry where baby was going to sleep
- While travelling I found that the pēpi pod fitted, well into my suitcase and I was able to pack baby's clothing etc. in and around it. Also I realised that no one had a baby bath for the baby to bathe in and my husband was not with me to shower with him so I used the pēpi-pod to bathe baby in. My family thought it was a wonderful invention
- Easier to take when visiting others at night say for dinner, than the porta-cot and can have baby in the same area as us because of the size.
- Convenience. Baby has own bed when out.
- Really simple idea to be shared with any young family with limited economy.

### About safety

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- Thank you for this, I felt safe with her in her pod when she was in bed with me
- I am very thankful for my pēpi-pod and will be passing it on again when my sister in-law returns it to me, so that someone else can keep their baby safe.
- I am grateful for the pēpi-pod, all my kids have slept with me, I am a non-smoker, but the stress of the earthquakes made it much easier for me to sleep at night knowing that my baby was safe in her pod next to me
- With being first time parents we wanted bubs to be close but also safe while we all rest.

### About age-appropriate care

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- I could have the baby in my room even though our room is small and we could not fit the cot in it. Also it meant that due to the frequent waking of the baby I could attend to his needs quickly, even in the middle of the night, as he was always close to me.
- Really practical. Better than a baby seat as baby can sleep on a flat surface.
- It made me sleep better at night knowing he was safe and nothing could suffocate him.
- This is a really good alternative to a cot when baby is small.
- She would lie quietly for longer in the morning.
- Really practical. We have often used a pram to move baby around the house or as temp bed when visiting others. Better than a baby seat as baby can sleep on a flat surface.
- When I went to collect it, I could not believe how supportive the ladies were. I received great advice, a fantastic pod and even a hug. It definitely sent us down the right path for Isla becoming a fantastic sleeper, who now settles on her own in a cot while still awake. Thank you so much.