

The Cloth Diapering Family's
Guide to Overcoming
DAYCARE
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Introduction

For working moms and dads, daycares provide a safe, educational and fun place for caring for your babies during the day. However, as a family committed to cloth diapering, getting a daycare provider to cloth diaper your baby may seem a little out of the norm for them... at least at first.

That said, just because most moms don't cloth diaper doesn't mean daycare facilities shouldn't be in tune with what their cloth diapering clients want. That's why we put together this guide – to help working families overcome uninformed or naysaying daycares.

To help you, we've come up with the top five excuses daycare providers may tell you when you first ask them about cloth diapering your baby – then we'll give you the down low on what to say to overcome negative responses about cloth diapering your baby while in their care.



Check out the [DiaperShops.com Cloth Diapering Basics blog](https://diapershops.com/blog) for easy to follow tips and tricks!

Overcome these top five excuses daycare providers use so they can avoid cloth diapering your baby...

Excuse #1

We don't allow cloth diapers.

When a facility person says they don't *allow* cloth diapers, respond calmly and professionally by asking if they allow a "discussion" about it first before they poo-poo the idea? Suggest you speak with the owner or manager. Most daycares are open to at least hearing what you have to say – and if they're not, perhaps you should think twice about trusting them with your child day-in and day-out!

Upon having a thoughtful discussion with the daycare provider, ask them if they would be open to a trial period. Perhaps they would be willing to do it for two weeks and then access if it's still a firm "no."

Excuse #2

We don't know how to cloth diaper.

Hey, none of us knew "how" to be moms before we had kids – but we learned as we went along! Many daycare providers are unaware of "modern" cloth diapers and just how easy they are to put on and take off a baby. Many daycare providers may have the image of pins and plastic pants in their heads – but if you show them your modern cloth diaper preference – like a bumGenius, FuzziBunz or itti bitti brand diaper – then they may be more open to learning. A little education can go a long way in getting a daycare provider on board with the process.

Excuse #3

It's against the law for us to use cloth diapers.

While there may be laws you're unaware of, it's important to ask them for proof that it's truly against the law to do this. Also, you'll want to be prepared for this question ahead of time. Check your state's laws on cloth diapers on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education website <http://nrckids.org/STATES/states.htm/>. Some states do require specific care and storage guidelines for soiled cloth diapers but don't necessarily outlaw the handling of cloth diapers altogether.

Also, if your baby is using cloth diapers for medical or health reasons, i.e. sensitive skin, reoccurring diaper rashes or allergic reaction to disposables, see if your child's physician will give you a note requiring cloth diapers. Some states require cloth diapers be used only for medical reasons and if you have one, ask your doctor to make special note of it.

Excuse #4

It's against our policy to use cloth diapers.

We all know that *policies* quickly become outdated. Hey, if we followed old-fashioned policies, women wouldn't have the right to vote! The point is that policies change as the time changes. We're in a new, modern cloth diapering era. Perhaps you can suggest that it's time for them to revisit this policy now that they have greater understanding of what modern moms, like you, need and want.

Excuse #5

We don't allow cloth diapers, plain and simple.

If a daycare provider is inflexible and won't allow cloth diapers, plain and simple, consider finding one that does. There are many open-minded facilities that go out of their way to accommodate a parent's wishes.

The Real Diaper Association website has a "cloth diaper daycare-friendly" list of child care providers in the U.S. and Canada. Reference this list and add to it as you uncover new cloth diaper-friendly daycares. <http://daycare.realdiaperindustry.org>.



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