

Fever in babies and children

! Call triple zero (000) if your child doesn't respond to your voice, loses consciousness or has a seizure (fit) for the first time, or has difficulty breathing.

For children with a temperature of 38°C or higher

Is your child aged 3 months or younger?

YES

NO



Go to the emergency department at the nearest hospital immediately or call triple 000

Do they have emergency symptoms?



Difficulty breathing



Drowsiness



Stiff neck

NO

Do they have any of these symptoms, as well as their fever?



Headache that is ongoing



Tummy pain that is ongoing



Febrile convulsion (seizure)



Fever above 40 degrees or for more than 2 days



Vomiting and not taking fluids well



Light is hurting their eyes



New skin rash



Fontanelle (soft spot on your baby's head) is bulging



Seems to be getting more unwell



Travelled or had contact with someone with a serious infection

YES

NOT SURE

NO



See a doctor immediately



Call healthdirect

1800 022 222

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Manage fever at home



Keep fluids up



Keep the room at a comfortable temperature



Dress in light clothing



Consider pain relief

Continue to monitor your child for signs of worsening illness. Seek medical attention if your child seems to get worse or has a rising temperature.

