



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 0 – 3 months?

YES

 Go to the emergency department at nearest hospital immediately

Is your child aged 3-12 months?

YES

 See a doctor immediately

Is your child more than 12 months old?

YES



Does your child have any of these symptoms as well as a fever?



Headache or stiff neck



Drowsiness



Seizure



Difficulty breathing



Vomiting



Diarrhoea



New skin rash



Dehydration (not drinking or weeing enough)



Doesn't improve in 48 hours



Are in pain

YES

 See a doctor immediately

NOT SURE

 Call healthdirect

1800 022 222

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NO



Manage fever at home



Keep fluids up



Dress in light clothing



Keep the room cool



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.

