

When to go to emergency for childhood illness

You should go to the nearest hospital emergency department if your child:



Is less than 3 months old and has a fever of 38.0° C or more



Has a purple rash that does not turn skin coloured when pressed



Is vomiting repeatedly or if their vomit is green or contains blood



Becomes unwell very quickly



Is very drowsy or not responding



Drinks less than half their usual amount or less than 4 wet nappies in 24 hours



Has severe pain that doesn't go away



Having difficulty breathing



If they develop a new lump or swelling



You know your child best. If you're worried about their health, seek medical care straight away.