

When to Call the Doctor: Infant Crying

Babies cry for many reasons. And over time, you'll learn how best to respond to your baby's crying.

Sometimes, though, your baby's crying may be a sign of a serious problem. So here are some guidelines on when to call the doctor.

1. Call your doctor if your baby cries nonstop for more than 2 hours. 2. Call your doctor if your baby is crying after a possible injury, such as from a fall or from being shaken. Also call if you are afraid someone might hurt the baby. 3. Call your doctor if your baby has a fever of 100.4°F or higher. 4. Call your doctor if your baby's behavior changes. For instance, they don't seem as alert or they refuse to eat anything for several hours. 5. Call your doctor if your baby has worrisome symptoms, such as: Frequent vomiting; Bloody stool; Or trouble urinating. Call 911 right away if at any time you think your baby may need medical care.

Crying is how babies express their needs and feelings. But call the doctor if: Your baby cries nonstop for more than 2 hours; Your baby has been injured; Your baby has a fever of 100.4°F or higher; Your baby's behavior changes or they have worrisome symptoms. Call 911 if you think your baby needs immediate medical care.