

# Head Injury (Baby and Toddler)

Paediatrics Department



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## Symptoms and their causes

For the first few hours after a head injury expect that your baby / toddler may be pale, quieter than usual or slightly irritable.

**Should any of the following symptoms occur, please return to the Accident and Emergency Department:**

- Unusual sleepiness or you are unable to wake them properly.
- Persistent vomiting, not related to any intercurrent illness.
- Your baby or toddler acts in a strange or unusual way which persists for more than an hour.
- Your baby / toddler is crying constantly or in an unusual way that you are unable to settle.
- Any collapse or episodes of shaking or jerking movements.
- Your baby / toddler is unable to do things they were previously able to do, for example grasp objects, sit, stand or walk.
- Any new or spreading bruising, particularly around the eyes or ears.
- Any unusual new bleeding or fluid leaking from the ears or nose.

## On discharge home

On discharge home your baby / toddler should be treated as normal.

## Further Information

Paediatric Accident and Emergency Department  
St. Peter's Hospital  
Guildford Road  
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Surrey KT16 0PZ  
Telephone: **01932 872000**

For reassurance and advice please contact NHS Direct on: **111**

The following website gives useful advice about a head injury:  
[www.nhsdirect.co.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.co.uk)

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## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty.

If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email [asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net](mailto:asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net). If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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