

Warning Signs for Your Late Preterm Baby

Call your provider if your baby has:



TEMPERATURE INSTABILITY

- Fever (greater than 100.4°F or 38°C)
- Low temperature (less than 97.7°F or 36.5°C)



SKIN COLOR CHANGES

- Skin looks pale and patchy or has unusual coloring
- Skin or white of eyes are more yellow



LETHARGIC

- Sleepier than normal or not waking up



IRRITABILITY

- Crying more than usual or difficult to console



TREMORS OR JITTERINESS

- Shakey or shivering when resting



BREATHING DIFFICULTY

- Pause in breathing that worries you
- Fast breathing: breathing more than 60 breaths per minute (babies have uneven breathing so count each breath with your hand on their chest for a full minute)
- Noisy breathing: wheezing or whistling sounds while breathing
- Muscles are pulling in below or between the ribs and/or in the neck with each breath



FEEDING DIFFICULTIES

- Frequently goes longer than four hours between feedings
- Regularly needs to be awakened to feed
- Refuses several feedings
- Unable to suck and swallow well
- Eating for shorter periods of time or taking less from a bottle than normal



PEEING AND POOPING

- Unusual vomiting
- Blood in the diaper
- Stomach seems rounder and harder than usual
- Less than 5–6 wet diapers in a 24-hour period (after the first week) or no urine during the first 24 hours after going home. It is normal to have:
 - Day 4 of life: at least 4 wet diapers
 - Day 5-6 of life: at least 5 wet diapers

CALL 911 IF BABY:

- Is floppy, like a rag doll, limp, or can't wake up
- Has a seizure
- Has trouble breathing
- Looks blue, pale, or grey in their skin color (especially around the mouth/lips/tongue)

Every baby is different. Trust your knowledge of your baby and call your baby's provider if you see signs that are worrisome to you.