

# Warning Signs of developmental concerns in infants and toddlers

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## Three months

- Does not smile in response to people
- Does not follow moving objects with eyes
- Does not grasp and hold objects
- Does not babble by 3-4 months
- Does not imitate your sounds by 4 months
- Does not pay attention to new faces
- Does not support some weight on feet when held

## Five months

- Does not roll over in either direction
- Seems impossible to comfort at night
- Does not smile on own
- Does not turn head to locate sound
- Hands still held in a fist position

## Seven months

- Seems very stiff or very floppy
- Doesn't move both sides of body equally
- Does not actively reach for objects
- Does not bear weight on legs
- Doesn't roll in both directions
- Does not try to attract attention through action
- Shows no interest in peek-a-boo by 8 months
- Does not turn to look when parent says baby's name

## Twelve months

- Doesn't respond to simple verbal requests
- Doesn't say single words like "mama" or "dada"
- Not using gestures like waving/shaking head
- Doesn't point to show you something interesting
- Does not look when parents point something out
- Does not crawl
- Does not search for a dropped toy off a high chair tray
- Gets up frequently on most nights

- Does not show a wide range of emotion

#### Eighteen months

- Cannot walk or consistently walks on toes
- Does not seem to know the function of common objects (brush, telephone, spoon, broom)
- Doesn't use several single words consistently
- Sits with legs out to the sides in a "W" position often
- Extreme difficulty in adjusting to new situations

#### Twenty-four months

- Doesn't use two-word sentences
- Does not follow simple instructions
- Cannot push wheeled toys
- Does not imitate action or words or sounds
- Does not point to eyes, ears, mouth or nose
- Does not seem to know what a book is for
- Does not show interest in children/surroundings

#### Thirty months

- Speech not understood by people outside of family
- Unusually high or low activity level
- Persistent drooling
- Constant open mouth posture
- No involvement in pretend play activities
- Extreme difficulty in separating from parent
- Limited interest in toys

#### Other Considerations:

- Any loss or regression of skills at any time
- Birth weight less than five pounds
- Any perinatal infections
- Use of respirator or blood transfusion at birth
- Frequent ear infections
- Family history of developmental concerns
- Awkward or jerky movement patterns at birth