

Childhood stroke: spot the signs



Do the **FAST** test:

Face: Can the young person smile?
Has their face fallen on one side?

Arms: Can they raise both arms
and keep them there?

Speech: Can they understand
what you say? Is their speech slurred?

Time: If you spot any of these
signs in a baby, child or young person,
don't wait. Call 999 straight away.

Other signs of childhood stroke may include:

- sudden, severe headache
- seizures (fits) or losing consciousness
- dizziness or a sudden fall
- neck pain or stiffness
- vomiting and sleepiness
- sudden blurred vision or sight loss
- pins and needles, weakness or numbness on one side of the body
- fever and nausea can also be present with a stroke.

Even if the symptoms seem to pass, you should call **999** as it could be a transient ischaemic attack (TIA or mini-stroke).

Visit stroke.org.uk/childhoodstroke for more information.

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