

**WHEN
TO MAKE THAT
LATE NIGHT
CALL
TO THE
PEDIATRICIAN**



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A GUIDE TO DETERMINING WHEN TO PICK UP THE PHONE AFTER HOURS.
Remember, it may take 5 or 10 minutes (sometimes longer) to get the doctor on the phone. If you ever feel like your child is in so much distress that you cannot wait a few minutes, call 911.

FEVER: Call if your child is... and has a fever...
Under 6 weeks old.....100.5F and over (rectal)
Older infants and children.....105F and over or unable to bring
it down with fever reducers

BREATHING: Call if your child is wheezing or having difficulty breathing, except if your child has asthma and you are comfortable with managing it on your own.

RASH: Call if your child has a rapidly-spreading rash or an area on the skin that is markedly red, hot, and tender.

VOMITING: Call if your child is vomiting repeatedly and cannot keep anything down.

BEHAVIOR: Call if your child is delirious, slurring speech, or showing any other dramatic behavior changes.

**HEAD
TRAUMA:**

CALL IF YOUR CHILD HIT HIS HEAD AND THEN...

- passed out immediately
- vomits within the first 6-12 hours after the injury
- starts acting unusual within the first 6-12 hours after the injury

PLUS:

Dangerous or Safe: toothpaste, plastic, or cell phones?
Ask Dr. Cara **Wednesday 12-2pm** in the **momlogic.com**
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