

## Do you know your baby's newborn hearing screening results?

Most newborns have their hearing checked before leaving the hospital because:

- ◆ Hearing loss is common at birth.
- ◆ If a hearing loss is overlooked, a child's development may be negatively affected.
- ◆ If hearing loss is found early, a child can receive help to communicate and learn.
- ◆ It is easy to miss hearing problems. Infants and young children who cannot hear well often respond to some sounds.
- ◆ Hearing screening is simple, painless and takes only a few minutes when a baby is quiet.

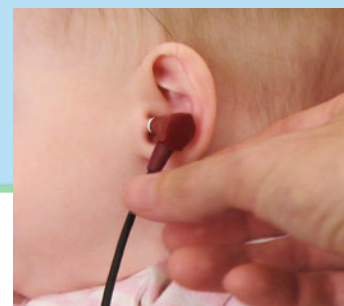


## What your baby needs from you

- If you are expecting a baby, check that the hearing screening is done and that you get the results while at the hospital.
- If you have already had your baby, check that the screening was done and that you know the results.

Next,  If your baby passed on both ears, no further testing is needed now.

- If your baby did not pass, or was not screened, ask the hospital or your baby's doctor how and where to get the next required test. If you need more help getting the hearing test, contact your state's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Coordinator listed at: [www.infanthearing.org/states](http://www.infanthearing.org/states).



- Hearing loss can occur at any time and may not be noticeable. If you ever have concerns about your child's ability to hear or talk, ask your baby's doctor how to get another test. Some early child care programs provide hearing screenings.

Learn more:

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