

What Should I Know About My Baby's Hearing Screening?



A hearing screening is safe and does not hurt your baby. Most babies sleep through the hearing screening.

The hearing screening takes about 10 minutes.

A hearing screening is a quick check to see if your baby hears soft sounds. They need to hear them to learn language.

You will get your baby's results before you leave the hospital.

It is recommended that all families follow these 1-3-6 guidelines:

- 1 All infants should receive a hearing screening before they are 1 month of age.
- 3 All infants who did not pass their initial newborn hearing screening should receive a diagnostic evaluation by an audiologist before they are 3 months of age.
- 6 Infants who are diagnosed with hearing loss should begin receiving early intervention services as soon as possible, but no later than 6 months of age.

These guidelines are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Joint Committee on Infant Hearing which guides the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program for infants.

If you have questions about hearing screenings for your baby, please contact your health care provider.



For more information: health.ny.gov/EHDI



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