

BRUISING AND INJURIES IN NON-MOBILE INFANTS

Injuries are bruises, abrasions, lacerations, burns, or any other mark that may be an injury.

Non-mobile infants - an infant who is not yet walking, crawling, pulling to stand or bottom shuffling independently. This includes **all** infants under six months old as although some children can 'roll over' from a very early age this does not constitute self-mobility.

Non-independently mobile - an infant who is unable to move independently through crawling, cruising or bottom shuffling.

INJURY

OBSERVED BY A PROFESSIONAL

If the child requires immediate medical attention call 999

Record your findings, including any explanation given by the person with the child. Do not try to determine the cause of the injury yourself.

REFERRAL

TO THE CHILDRENS HUB / MACH

Hartlepool: 01429 284284
Stockton on Tees: 01642 130080
Middlesbrough: 01642 726004
Redcar & Cleveland: 01642 130700

Explain to the person with the child that you are making the referral to the Children's Hub, for them to arrange an urgent medical assessment. Telephone referral to CHUB/ MACH followed by a SAFER referral form within 24 hours.

TRANSFER

TO HOSPITAL FOR ASSESSMENT

You should stay with the child until you are instructed otherwise. If you feel unsafe, you should leave to a place of safety and call 999.

The Children's Hub/ MACH will arrange an urgent Child Protection medical assessment and will advise whether a Social Worker will need to accompany the child or meet the family at the hospital.

ASSESSMENT

IN HOSPITAL, BY PAEDIATRIC DOCTOR

If the child is not brought to the assessment, the hospital must contact The Children's Hub/ MACH as a matter of urgency.

A child protection medical assessment will be arranged and undertaken the same day as the referral. If after hours and a medical assessment cannot be arranged for the same day, the child will be admitted to the hospital or supervision arranged by Children's Social Care



Injuries are rare in non-mobile infants and can be a sign of a serious condition, including child abuse. All injuries in non-mobile infants require urgent specialist paediatric assessment to determine the cause of the bruise or injury.