

URGENCY **OR** EMERGENCY

Even healthy kids get hurt or sick sometimes. Different problems require different levels of care. How do you decide what is urgent versus emergent?

Reasons to go to Children's Hospital Urgent Care

- Fever (> 2 mo.)
- Ear pain
- Abdominal pain
- Headache
- Rash
- Mild wheezing
- Persistent cough
- Cuts or minor burn
- Suspected sprain or fracture
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Infected bug bite
- Minor animal bite
- Mild allergic reaction
- Urinary infection

Reasons to go to Children's Hospital Emergency Room

- Severe difficulty breathing
- Change in mental status:
 - unusually sleepy or difficult to wake, disoriented, or confused
- Excessive bleeding
- Stiff neck and fever
- Continuous rapid heartbeat
- Ingestion of poisonous substance
- Ingestion of excessive medication
- Severe head injury
- Medical device malfunction
- Infant (< 2 mo.) with fever
- Severe dental trauma
- Penetrating eye trauma
- Neonatal jaundice

