

WORLD HEARING DAY

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Signs and symptoms of hearing loss in infants and children

Delayed speech and language development:

- A baby that does not experiment with sound or does not attempt to use their voice.
- Speech that doesn't make sense.
- Inappropriate and inconsistent responses to short instructions and/or requests.

Parental concern:

- Often parents have a gut feeling that something is wrong. Should this be the case, make sure professionals take your concerns seriously and that they investigate properly.
- Poor performance at school and other developmental delays.

Other common behaviours in infants and children with hearing loss:

- Not showing a startle response to loud sounds like a door slamming.
- Says “huh” or asks you to repeat yourself often.
- Not aware when someone is speaking to them that they cannot see.
- Cannot work out where a sound is coming from.
- Watches the speaker’s face intently.
- Looking surprised when they realise their name has been called.
- Sitting close to the television or increasing the volume above a comfortable level for the rest of the family.
- Switching ears continually when talking over the phone.

