

# Meningococcal Disease causes Meningitis

Don't wait – take action

Even if you think the person has been immunised.

- Meningococcal disease is fast and can kill or cause serious disability.
- Get help **immediately** if you see one or more of the symptoms below.
- These meningococcal disease symptoms may not all show at once.

## Symptoms in babies



High fever (may also have cool hands and feet or shivering)



Sleepy or floppy or harder to wake



Unusual crying



Stiff neck



Dislike bright lights



Vomiting



Refusal to feed



Sometimes, red or purple spots or bruises on the skin

## Symptoms in older children and adults



High fever and headache



Confusion and sleepiness



Joint pain and aching muscles



Stiff neck



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Vomiting



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Not everyone with meningococcal disease gets spots. Don't wait for spots to appear before getting medical help.



You can call Healthline free 24 hours a day: **0800 611 116**