## Protect Your Baby from SIDS



Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the unexplained death, usually during sleep, of a seemingly healthy baby less than a year old. Most deaths occurring between 2 and 4 months.

## Potential causes:

Babies have a delay in the development of or an abnormality in the part of the brain involved in breathing and waking.

## Factors associated with SIDS

- 1. Premature or low birth weight babies
- 2. Dangerous sleeping environments
- Maternal substance use, e.g. tobacco, alcohol and prescription pain medications.



## Safe Sleeping Environments for Baby



- Let baby sleep by themself
- Do not smoke around baby
- Position baby on their back for sleeping
- Have a firm crib mattress
- Put nothing in baby's sleep area
- Never put a baby to sleep on a couch or adult bed
- Do not overdress baby
- Leave baby's face uncovered



If you have questions about your baby's health, please talk to your pediatrician ASAP!



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