

Abusive Head Trauma & SUID

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What is Abusive Head Trauma

Abusive head trauma (AHT), which includes shaken baby syndrome, is a preventable and severe form of physical child abuse that results in an injury to the brain of a child. AHT often happens when a parent or caregiver becomes angry or frustrated because of a child's crying. It is caused by violent shaking and/or with blunt impact. The resulting injury can cause bleeding around the brain or on the inside back layer of the eyes. Data shows:

- AHT is a leading cause of physical child abuse deaths in children under 5 in the United States.
- Babies less than one-year-old are at the greatest risk of injury from AHT.
- AHT accounts for about one-third of all child maltreatment deaths.

Crying, including long periods of inconsolable crying, is a **normal behavior in infants**. Shaking, throwing, or hitting a baby is never the right response to crying.

Complications from Abusive Head Trauma

Nearly all victims of AHT suffer serious, long-term health consequences.

Examples include:

- vision problems
- developmental delays
- physical disabilities
- hearing loss

At least one of every four babies who experience AHT dies from this form of child abuse.

Abusive Head Trauma - Videos

- Shaken Baby Syndrome (TheDoctorsTV) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THhFoYk7U40>
- Forever Shaken https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_t9vH6tqwxg
- Never Shake: Preventing SBS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3xytsg6oDo>



SUID/SIDS

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID pronounced Soo-id):

~The death of an infant younger than 1 year of age that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly.

After a full investigation, these deaths may be diagnosed as:

- Suffocation: When no air reaches a baby's lungs, usually caused by a block in the airway
- Entrapment: When a baby gets trapped between two objects, such as a mattress and wall, and can't breathe
- Infection: When a baby has a cold or other infection caused by a virus or bacteria that makes breathing difficult
- Ingestion: When a baby takes something into the mouth that blocks the airway or causes choking
- Metabolic diseases: Conditions related to how the body functions that can lead to problems with breathing
- Cardiac arrhythmias: When a baby's heart beats too fast or too slow and affects breathing
- Trauma (accidental or non-accidental): When a baby experiences an injury
- SIDS

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS):

~One type of SUID

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

* the sudden death of an infant younger than 1 year of age that **cannot** be explained even after a full investigation that includes a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history.

SIDS Is Not...the cause of every sudden infant death.

“Sleep-related causes of infant death” are those linked to how or where a baby sleeps or slept. These deaths are due to accidental causes, such as suffocation, entrapment, or strangulation. These deaths are types of SUIDs. **These deaths are not SIDS.**

Other things that SIDS is not:

SIDS is not the same as suffocation and is not caused by suffocation.

SIDS is not caused by vaccines, immunizations, or shots.

SIDS is not contagious.

SIDS is not the result of neglect or child abuse.

SIDS is not caused by cribs.

SIDS is not caused by vomiting or choking.

SIDS is not completely preventable, but there are ways to reduce the risk.

SUID/SIDS - Videos

➤ Safe Sleep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNWBSZZm3no&list=UUJDcgrMl0B2Og4ZdeOOOrnFA>

➤ Safe Sleep Practices

<https://vimeo.com/51317716>

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