

Student Care Information

When Baby starts crying:

Step 1: Touch your ID to the contact point. Listen for the chime.

If Baby chimes, that means it recognizes you as the parent. Rock Baby gently until you hear the coo, signaling the end of the care session. *You must rock Baby until you hear the coo.*

If Baby is still crying:

Step 2: Double-check the ID.

Touch your ID to Baby's contact point and listen for the chime again. If Baby still does not chime, make sure Baby is being held correctly. Baby cries if it is on its tummy or upside down.

If Baby is still crying:

Step 3: Try rocking for one minute.

Baby may have been roughly handled. Rocking helps Baby quiet down.

If Baby has been roughly handled it cries AND rough handling is recorded in Baby's computer.

Skin Care

Real infants have delicate skin. Baby has vinyl skin that STAINS VERY EASILY. Keep Baby away from pens, newspapers, magazines and new unwashed clothing, especially new blue jeans and new sweatshirts. The inks and dyes can stain Baby's skin, and these stains may not come off. You can keep Baby clothed and wrapped in a blanket to help prevent stains.

Bathing Baby

Real infants need their diapers changed and need to be bathed. Your instructor may require you to do these tasks. Follow your instructor's directions for bathing Baby. NEVER immerse Baby in water, and NEVER let water touch the electronics in Baby's back. Use baby wipes or a damp washcloth to simulate bathing.

Neglect

When Baby cries, you have three minutes to ID and provide care before Baby records a care neglect. If Baby is not cared for, it cries for 15 minutes and returns to its random schedule. Baby does not shut off if it is not cared for.

Preventing Rough Handling

- ... Don't juggle too many things in your arms at one time while holding Baby; it's too easy to drop something, and it could be Baby.
- ... Don't play with Baby by throwing it in the air and catching it. This can cause permanent brain damage in a real infant.
- ... Don't let other people hold Baby unless you would trust them with your own child. Some people think it's funny to abuse Baby, or may want to get you in trouble by damaging it.
- ... Don't leave Baby unattended or put it anywhere that would be unsafe for a real infant, including a table, counter, or chair.
- ... Don't let anyone shake Baby, and never shake it yourself. Although shaking may not seem as bad as hitting or dropping an infant, in real life, shaking can cause brain damage, and sometimes death.

Frustration-reducing measures for when Baby is crying:

- Take several deep breaths and count to ten.
- Say the alphabet.
- Read a poem that gives you inspiration.
- Put Baby in a safe place, then leave the room for a few minutes.
- Close your eyes and think of something pleasant.
- Ask someone else to help.

In using any of these methods, remember to use caution, attend the infant at all times, and be gentle.

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Safe Holding Methods:



At your shoulder



The cradle hold



The football hold



Using a carrier

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Baby may cry while you are driving. Please be aware that crying may start unexpectedly, and you should be prepared.
- Never leave Baby unattended in a public place, given the potential for misunderstanding.
- Bring your vehicle to a complete stop in a safe location before caring for Baby, or to retrieve a piece of Baby's equipment that falls.
- Do not care for Baby while driving.
- Failure to install Baby in a car seat in a motor vehicle could result in Baby and the seat becoming projectiles in the event of a sudden stop or accident.
- Do not place Baby on or near a stove, especially while cooking.
- Never take your wristband off. Not only will you be deducted points, but you may lose the ID or stumble around in the dark looking for it if Baby cries during the night.
- Baby should sleep somewhere close to your sleeping quarters but not in bed with you. Baby may fall out of the bed or you could roll over on it, causing damage to Baby and discomfort to you.
- Loud crying near people with potentially serious physical conditions, such as those susceptible to heart attack or stroke, should be avoided.
- Make a note in your diary where you had to delay care of Baby because your safety or that of others may have been compromised.
- Do not place Baby in or near water.
- Baby's crying or other sounds may cause pets to become agitated or aggressive. Keep Baby out of the reach of pets or other animals.
- Use an infant car seat or carrier to transport Baby, rather than holding Baby at all times.
- Baby weighs 6.5 to 7 pounds and could cause discomfort for individuals with back pain.
- Do not operate any type of equipment or attempt tasks requiring the use of both hands while holding Baby.
- Do not allow small children to play with Baby. Baby's hands and feet could be a choking hazard.