### Pregnant now or within the last year?

Call your nurse or get medical care if you have any of these:



Headache that will not go away or gets really bad



**Dizziness or fainting** 



Vision changes (blurry or double vision, "spots")



Fever of 100.4° F (38.0° C) or more



Extreme swelling in your hands or face



Thoughts or feelings of hurting yourself or baby



**Problems breathing** 



Chest pain or racing heartbeat



Upset stomach (nausea) or throwing up (vomiting)



Severe stomach (abdominal) pain that does not go away



Baby's movement stops or slows down a lot



Extreme swelling or redness in your arms, legs, or feet



Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking during pregnancy



Severe bleeding (soaking more than 1 pad in an hour or less) or heavy discharge after delivery



Severe tiredness (fatigue)

These signs may be a warning of something dangerous. Call your doctor or go to the emergency room right away. Let them know that you are pregnant or delivered in the last year.







## Save your life

# Get care for these post-birth warning signs

Most women who give birth recover without problems. But any woman can have complications after giving birth. Learning to recognize these POST-BIRTH warning signs and knowing what to do can save your life.

Call 911 if you have:

- Pain in chest
- bstructed breathing or shortness of breath
- **S** eizures
- Thoughts of hurting yourself or someone else

### Call your healthcare provider if you have:

If you can't reach your healthcare provider, call 911 or go to an emergency room.

- **B** leeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger
- Incision that is not healing
- R ed or swollen leg, that is painful or warm to touch
- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- **H** eadache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes



#### **Trust your instincts.**

ALWAYS get medical care if you are not feeling well or have questions or concerns concerns. Tell 911 or your healthcare provider:

"I gave birth on		and
	(Date)	
I am having		
	(Specific warning signs)	

#### These post-birth warning signs can become life-threatening if you don't receive medical care right away because:

- Pain in chest, obstructed breathing or shortness of breath (trouble catching your breath) may mean you have a blood clot in your lung or a heart problem
- Seizures may mean you have a condition called eclampsia
- Thoughts or feelings of wanting to hurt yourself or someone else may mean you have postpartum depression
- Bleeding (heavy), soaking more than one pad in an hour or passing an egg-sized clot or bigger may mean you have an obstetric hemorrhage
- **Incision that is not healing**, increased redness or any pus from episiotomy or C-section site may mean you have an infection
- Redness, swelling, warmth, or pain in the calf area of your leg may mean you have a blood clot
- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher, bad smelling vaginal blood or discharge may mean you have an infection
- Headache (very painful), vision changes, or pain in the upper right area of your belly may mean you have high blood pressure or post birth preeclampsia



My Healthcare Provider/Clinic:	Phone Number:	

Hospital Closest To Me:

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