



Face coverings: Suffocation risk to under 2s

Although UK Government advice is that face coverings and masks are not required unless in medical settings, many people may choose to use them to feel safer. If you do choose to use a facial coverings it is very important that you remember:

- Babies and Children Under 2 must not wear face coverings or face masks
- Wearing a face mask or covering can put babies and young children at serious risk of harm or death
- Babies and young children have smaller airways so breathing through a mask will be difficult
- Masks and face coverings can increase the risk of suffocation
- Young children will be unable to tell you or remove the face mask if they are having trouble breathing
- There is a risk of strangulation should a young child try to remove the mask
- They could become tangled potentially causing serious injury
- Most face masks are too large for young children so are not effective
- Loss of sense of smell and taste

Children can get Coronavirus (Covid 19) but most appear to have only a mild illness. Call 111 if your child shows any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature 38°C
- New continuous cough

Let's be safe, you and me.



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