

ACETAMINOPHEN DOSING FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

It is important to always read and follow the label each time you give medicine to your child. This guide will help you give your child the right amount of acetaminophen. If possible, use weight to dose your child. Otherwise, use age.

Always use the measured dosing device
and syringe or other dosing device with the medicine.

Use formulations made for infants and children, not adult products.

Dose by weight (preferred) or age, according to the instructions on the medicine label or from your child's healthcare provider.

Put all medicine up and away (out of sight) after each use to avoid accidental ingestion by someone else.

CHILD'S WEIGHT AND AGE	USUAL ACETAMINOPHEN CONCENTRATION (mg/mL)	USUAL ACETAMINOPHEN CONCENTRATION (mg/5mL)	USUAL ACETAMINOPHEN CONCENTRATION (mg/160mL)	USUAL ACETAMINOPHEN CONCENTRATION (mg/5mL)
WARNING: Do not give more than 5 doses in 24 hours or use your healthcare provider for the right dose.				
28-35 lb (13-16 kg)	100 mg/mL	200 mg/5mL	160 mg/160mL	100 mg (2 mL)
36-47 lb (16-21 kg)				150 mg (7.5 mL)
48-59 lb (22-27 kg)				160 mg (8 mL)
60-71 lb (27-32 kg)				180 mg (9 mL)
72-84 lb (33-38 kg)				200 mg (10 mL)

WARNING: In 2011, manufacturers standardized the concentration of infants and children's single-ingredient liquid acetaminophen products. The current standard concentration on liquid products is 100 mg/mL.

CAUTION: In order to align with the liquid concentration, or 100 mg/mL, the label on Children's Tylenol® (100 mg/5mL) liquid acetaminophen products will no longer be used. There are still some acetaminophen products on shelves and in medicine cabinets at the 80 mg strength. All pediatric acetaminophen products currently on the market are continue to be used as labeled.

Ask your healthcare provider if you have any questions and always read and follow the label of the specific medicine you are using.