

# Newborn hearing screening: What do the results mean?



**Baby is born**



**Hearing screening is performed  
at 12-48 hours of age or before  
the baby leaves the hospital**



**Ask for your baby's  
hearing results  
before leaving  
the hospital:**



**PASS**  
No further testing  
required (always  
monitor for speech and  
language milestones)



**PASS WITH  
RISK FACTORS**  
further testing recommended  
for more information see  
[www.msdh.ms.gov](http://www.msdh.ms.gov)



**DID NOT PASS**  
The hospital should  
arrange an outpatient  
rescreen or diagnostic  
evaluation. This does  
not mean your baby  
has a hearing loss.

## Did not pass:

- Make sure you receive an appointment for outpatient rescreen or follow-up testing with an audiologist (hearing professional) before you go home from the hospital
- You can visit [www.ehdi-pals.org](http://www.ehdi-pals.org) to find an audiologist
- Talk with your baby's doctor about your child's hearing screening results
- Even if your baby responds to noises it does not mean he/she can hear properly

**For more information,  
call: 1-800-451-3903**



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