

# Calling instructions pregnancy childbirth

### COMMON

### CALL IN THE COMMON EVENT OF:



A childbirth that occurs between 37 and 42 weeks

Labour term



- Before 37 weeks' pregnancy term:
- Loss of amniotic fluid
- Cramps or prelabour that are regular and/or painful



- Less than during menstruation
- Clear red or brownish

**Blood loss** 



- Greater amount of blood loss than during menstruation
- Blood clots



- Clear (with or without white flecks)
- Follow the instructions of your midwife care worker for calling

Amniotic fluid
- colour



- Green or brown colour
- Call when you first observe this colour, during the day or in the night



 Head of the baby descends into the pelvis Amniotic fluid and descent of the baby



Call if during the last check-up the head has not properly descended and your water breaks



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- Irregular
- The contraction does not last longer than 40 - 60 seconds
- The time between contractions is longer than 4 – 5 minutes

**Contractions** 



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- Regular pattern for 1 hour and
- The contraction is longer than 40 - 60 seconds
- The time between contractions is less than 4 – 5 minutes
- If this is not your first time for giving birth, call in the event of severe regular contractions

Concern



- Always call if concerned or worried
- Any questions on the information supplied



## Calling instructions pregnancy

### **COMMON:**

### **CALL IN THE EVENT OF:**

If you have one or more of these complaints after a pregnancy term of 20 weeks:



- Headache
- Seeing stars/flashes of light
- Vomiting
- Feeling of tightness around the head or upper abdomen
- Pain in the abdomen or between the shoulder blades
- Sudden facial fluid retention
- Tingling in the fingers



Blood loss is always a reason for consultation. A small amount of blood loss can occur during a regular pregnancy term.

**Blood loss** 



Clear red blood loss

Tip: Do not dispose of your underwear or pantyliner in the event of blood loss



 A regular and identifiable pattern of movements after 28 weeks.

Tip: lying on your left side allows you to feel the movements of the baby best Baby movements after 28 weeks



- Less baby movements than you normally experience
- During relaxation and paying attention, there is less than 10 times movements within 2
- Concern about the amount or strength of the movements



- Urine
- Discharge, also when more watery than normal

Fluid loss before 37 weeks



- Constantly wet underwear
- Continuous small doses of fluid
- Green/brown fluid loss



- Prelabour when active or when the baby is moving
- Not painful
- No regular pattern

Prelabour/ cramps before 37 weeks



- Worsening of cramps
- There is regularity (every half hour or more frequent)
- Painful

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