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# Bathing Your Baby

Caring for Your New Baby



Your Extended Family.

# How to keep your baby safe

- 1. Collect your bathing supplies before you start. You will need:
  - A washcloth or sponge
  - Baby soap
  - Baby shampoo (if your baby has hair)
  - A warm towel
  - A new diaper
- 2. Add 3 inches of water to the sink or baby tub.
- 3. The water should be warm, not hot.
- 4. Lower your baby into the water feet first.
- 5. Always support your baby's head and neck with your hand.

# Where to bathe your baby

You can use a sink or a small plastic baby tub.

# How often to bathe your baby

Give your new baby a sponge bath until the umbilical cord stump falls off. The stump will fall off about 2 weeks after birth if you keep it dry. Then, you can bathe your baby in a small tub.

Bathe your new baby a few times a week. Too many baths can dry out your baby's skin.



Bath time can be fun and a great way to **bond with your baby**.

**Stay** with your baby at all times.

Follow our tips to **keep your baby safe**.