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- Use this chart for giving regular acetaminophen to **children 3 months of age and older**.
- To find your child's dose, first weigh your child.
- You can give a dose **every 4 to 6 hours**.
- **Do not give more than 5 times in 24 hours**.
- Use **regular release** acetaminophen.
 - **Do not** use "extended release" acetaminophen, such as Tylenol Arthritis® or other brands.
 - **Do not** give medicines where acetaminophen is mixed with other medicines, such as Tylenol Cold® or other brands.

| Your child's weight in kilograms (kg) [or pounds (lb)] | Regular Strength 325 mg tablet | Extra Strength 500 mg tablet |
|---|---|---|
| 5.5 to 8.3 kg [12.1 to 18.3 lb] | ¼ tablet = 81.25 mg  | |
| 8.4 to 12.5 kg [18.4 to 27.5 lb] | | ¼ tablet = 125 mg  |
| 10.9 to 16.2 kg [24.0 to 35.6 lb] | ½ tablet = 162.5 mg  | |
| 16.2 to 24.3 kg [35.6 to 53.5 lb] | ¾ tablet = 243.75 mg  | |
| 16.7 to 25.0 kg [36.7 to 55.0 lb] | | ½ tablet = 250 mg  |
| 21.7 to 32.5 kg [47.7 to 71.5 lb] | 1 tablet = 325 mg  | |
| 25 to 37.5 kg [55.0 to 82.5 lb] | | ¾ tablet = 375 mg  |
| 33.3 to 50.0 kg [73.3 to 110.0 lb] | | 1 tablet = 500 mg  |

Your child's correct dose is 10 to 15 mg of medicine for every kilogram your child weighs

How to give this medicine



1. Use round tablets.
They are easier to cut. *Do not* use caplets.



2. Cut the tablet using a pill splitter or knife.



3. Crush the tablet.



4. Mix the medicine with a *small amount* of water, juice, jam, syrup, or pureed food.

Questions? Ask your community pharmacist. After hours, call 8-1-1 to ask a pharmacist at HealthLinkBC.