NEVER SHAKE YOUR BABY!
THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS.

Constant crying is sometimes hard to put up with.
But remember that your baby cannot yet support his own head.
If you shake your baby the head is thrown back and forth.

You can injure your baby severely by shaking.
The baby can become handicapped or even die.
Anybody who looks after a baby needs to know this.
If an accident like this should happen go to the nearest hospital for help immedi-
ately.

WHO CAN HELP YOU HERE?

If you are worried about your baby or have any questions then speak to
• your baby's doctor
• your midwife
• the maternity care centre
• a family team in your area.
We are here for you in Hamburg.
We advise and support you.

SchreibbabySprechstunde
(Consultation hours for babies who cry all the time)
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E-mail: kontakt@schreibbabysprechstunde-hamburg.de
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SchreibBabyAmbulanz Kompetenzzentrum
Frühe Hilfen e. V. (early assistance competence centre)
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www.sba-kompetenzzentrum.de

Die Beratungsstelle, Von Anfang an.
(The advice centre. Right from the start.)
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www.vonanfang.de

Deutscher Kinderschutzbund Hamburg
(German child protection society)
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Emergency service for children
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Telephone 040-42 84 90
Someone is there for you 24/7!
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MY BABY CRIES
SO MUCH

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DEAR PARENTS,

It’s lovely to have a baby.

But it can also be difficult.
For example if your baby cries a lot.

This flyer asks what it means when your baby cries.
Why is shaking your baby so dangerous?
What can you do?
And where can you get help?

WHY DO BABIES CRY?

There can be many reasons.

Always remember that your baby cannot talk.

If your baby needs something then your baby will cry.

You know your baby.

You notice if anything is different.

Your baby will never scream at you.
Your baby is not cross with you.

WHAT CAN HELP YOUR BABY

Take a deep breath.
Try to calm down.
Try to find out calmly what your baby needs:

Rub my tummy and back gently.
A warm bath can also soothe me.

Pick me up - hold me very calmly - look at me.
Talk to me quietly - sing or whisper in my ear.

I want a dry bottom!
Have a look in my nappy.

I’m hungry!
Sit next to me or lie down next to me.
Nurse me or give me a bottle.

I like sucking and can calm myself - e.g. by sucking on my own hand.

I like being rocked in your arms!
I also enjoy being walked around quietly.

IF YOU REALIZE THAT YOU CANNOT PUT UP WITH THE CRYING ANY LONGER

Then it is important to protect yourself and your baby.
Lay down your baby on the back in the cot. Go into another room.
Perhaps your baby will continue to cry.
In this case this is not serious.
Try to calm down.

TAKE A BREAK

Are there people that you trust?
For example friends, relatives or neighbours?
Speak to one of these people.
Perhaps the person can take your baby for a while?
Then you can relax and recover.

IF YOUR BABY DOES NOT STOP CRYING

You have tried everything.
Your baby is still crying in spite of this.
Maybe you are tired.
And you are running out of patience.
The crying is getting on your nerves.
You feel desperate or angry.
Then you and your baby need help immediately!