

Red Flags for motor development:

Birth to three months:

- No active movement in arms and legs
- Can't hold head up when held at adult's shoulder
- Does not use eyes to focus on adult's face

Four months

- Unable to keep head centered
- Legs or arms are stiff
- Does not hold toy when placed in hand
- Does not bring hands together

6 months

- Does not play with feet or knees
- When lying on stomach does not push up to lift head
- Does not take weight into arms or legs
- Does not roll from back to side
- Does not reach for grasp toys

9 months

- Does not sit alone
- Does not roll
- No forward progression (crawling) on tummy or no method for moving across room
- Does not transfer toys from hand to hand
- Has minimal interest in toys
- Does not manipulate toys

12 Months

- Does not move into or out of sitting
- Does not come to hands and knees
- Cannot stand at furniture when placed
- Does not pick up a small object or toys with pads or tips of fingers
- Limited explorative or manipulative play with toys or other household objects

15 months

- Does not lower himself from standing with control
- Not yet walking with one hand held

18 months

- Is not walking alone

Two years

- Is not beginning running

- Is not beginning jumping
- Does not show interest in blocks, crayons or books

From two years to 30 months

- Does not imitate movements (fine or gross motor)
- Has difficulty walking up or down steps

Three years

- Does not imitate use of scissors
- Does not imitate standing on one foot (can hold onto stable object)
- Does not have coordination when drawing, stacking blocks or using hands

The following are red flags to consider during all ages of development

- Your child's limbs seem stiff
- Your child's muscles seem floppy and loose
- Your child is walking on her toes
- Your child favors one hand or side of his body
- Your child seems very clumsy
- Your child is constantly moving
- Your child has trouble grasping and manipulating objects
- Your child drools and has difficulty eating
- Your child's motor skills are regressing
- You notice tremors in hands, tongue or lips not associated with medication or temperature.