

A Parent's Guide to Acetaminophen for Children

Acetaminophen, commonly known as Tylenol, is found in many over-the-counter products and is commonly used to treat ailments like headache, fever, toothache, or muscle injury. It is considered safe, but can be dangerous or even lethal when given incorrectly or in the wrong dose. Always read the label for dosing information, or consult your child's pediatrician for help before administering medication.

Helpful tips for child doses:

- Do not administer more than one product containing acetaminophen at a time
- No more than five doses per 24-hour period, unless directed by your pediatrician
- Use only the device provided with the medication to administer acetaminophen. Not all kitchen spoons are the same, and it's important to ensure your child gets the right amount of medication.
- Make sure that you check the concentration and dose for the product before giving it to your child. There can be different concentrations or tablet sizes available to choose from.
- Use weight or age to determine the right dose for your child, and consult your child's pediatrician before offering acetaminophen to children under 2 years

Weight	Age	Acetaminophen Children's <i>160 mg per 5 mL Liquid</i>
12-17 lbs.	4-11 months	Ask your doctor
18-23 lbs.	12-23 months	Ask your doctor
24-35 lbs.	2-3 years	1 teaspoon (160 mg = 5 mL)
36-47 lbs.	4-5 years	1 ½ teaspoons (240 mg = 7.5 mL)
48-59 lbs.	6-8 years	2 teaspoons (320 mg = 10 mL)
60-71 lbs.	9-10 years	2 ½ teaspoons (400 mg = 12.5 mL)
72-95 lbs.	11 years	3 teaspoons (480 mg = 15 mL)

Weight	Age	Acetaminophen Jr. Strength <i>160 mg Chewables</i>
24-35 lbs.	2-3 years	Not recommended
36-47 lbs.	4-5 years	Not recommended
48-59 lbs.	6-8 years	320 mg = 2 tablets
60-71 lbs.	9-10 years	400 mg = 2 ½ tablets
72-95 lbs.	11 years	480 mg = 3 tablets