

# Ill or Injured Children: Quick Facts

* In the case of an accident or illness an agreed accident or illness procedure should be followed which includes immediately summoning the nearest first aider.
* The provider should implement a strict policy that children who are unwell should be kept at home. Those with a temperature and other specific signs and symptoms of illness should be excluded until they are better, for 48 hours in the case of diarrhea or vomiting.
* Where two or more cases of an infection occur, such as an outbreak of diarrhea or vomiting, the provider should obtain expert advice and investigate the outbreak.
* Staff should have an up-to-date immunisation record, including polio.
* Immunisation is the safest and most effective way of protecting children against serious infectious diseases and it is strongly recommended that all children should be fully immunised.
* Escherichia coli, commonly known as E.coli, is a bacteria naturally found in the intestines of man and animals which can cause serious gastro-intestinal infections.
* In England, Ofsted must be informed immediately wherever a serious injury or accident involves a child.