



Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Colour Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal colour or skin, lips and tongue</li> <li>• Responds normally to social cues</li> <li>• Content/smiles</li> <li>• Stays awake or wakens quickly</li> <li>• Strong normal cry / not crying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pallor</li> <li>• Reduced response to social cues</li> <li>• Wakes only after prolonged stimulation</li> <li>• Infant (under 1 year) not feeding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue or grey colour</li> <li>• Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake</li> <li>• Clinician concerns about nature of cry in infant (Weak, high pitched or continuous)</li> </ul>
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of amber or red symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RR 50-60 breaths/min if aged &lt;12 months</li> <li>• RR &gt;40 breaths/min if age ≥12 months</li> <li>• Mild/moderate respiratory distress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grunting</li> <li>• Severe tachypnoea: RR &gt; 60 breaths/min</li> <li>• Severe respiratory distress</li> </ul>
Circulation / hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of amber or red symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cold hands and feet in absence of fever</li> <li>• Reduced urine output</li> <li>• Not tolerating fluids</li> <li>• Unable to swallow saliva</li> </ul>	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of amber or red symptoms</li> <li>• Associated with runny nose/cough with other family members affected</li> <li>• FeverPAIN score &lt;4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulty opening mouth</li> <li>• FeverPAIN score ≥ 4 (1 point for each of fever, purulence, calls within 3 days of onset or less, severely Inflamed tonsils, no cough or coryza):</li> <li>• Age 3-6 months with temp ≥39° (102.2°F) with no clear focus of infection</li> <li>• Fever for ≥ 5 days</li> <li>• Additional parental/carer support required</li> <li>• Lower threshold for face to face review if significant chronic co-morbidities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 0-3 months with temp ≥38° (100.4°F)</li> </ul>




Green Action

Provide sore throat safety netting advice.  
Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/  
advice given  
Always consider safeguarding issues.



Amber Action

Refer to primary care service for review



Red Action

Refer immediately to emergency care –  
consider whether 999 transfer or parent/taxi  
most appropriate based on clinical acuity etc.