


## Vaccine safety in Australia 2020

We actively monitor immunisation safety in Australia.

 **11,342** parents/carers responded to an SMS about their child's health a few days after their 18-month vaccinations.



**12%**

reported any adverse event, including ...



**1.4%**

who reported taking their child to a doctor or emergency department in the days after vaccination.

The adverse events they reported were similar to the types of adverse events reported overall.



**88%**

reported **no** adverse events

**1,360** parents/carers reported one or more adverse events. The most commonly reported were:

Injection site swelling or redness	571 reports
Irritability	397 reports
Fever	287 reports
Injection site pain	283 reports
Sleep pattern change	229 reports

These symptoms are known to occur after vaccination. They are generally mild and short-lived.

These symptoms are also common in young children for other reasons (such as viral infection) and **may not be related to vaccination**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who received these vaccines had the same rates and types of adverse events as other children.

## Vaccines given at 18 months in 2020

**Priorix-tetra or ProQuad**

Measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox

**Infanrix or Tripacel**

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough

**Act-HIB**

*Haemophilus influenzae* type b

**Protects against**