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# **Potty training**

#### Your child will use the toilet or potty as soon as he or she is ready for it. Signs can be:

- when he or she tells you that their diaper is wet or full.
- when he or she can control their bladder or bowel movements for a certain period of time.
- when he or she shows interest in the toilet.
- when he or she feels uncomfortable in dirty nappies.

### What you can do:

- Give your child a potty or a children's seat on the toilet and a footstool.
- Ask your child from time to time if he or she wants to go to the toilet.
- If you notice signals that your child has to go to the toilet during the day, put him or her briefly on it.
- After meals, before you leave the house, when you come home... animate your child to sit on the toilet for a moment.
- Do not force your child to sit on the toilet if he or she does not want to.
- Praise your child for successes, but also if he or she has been there for a few minutes and «nothing» happened.
- Stay calm if your child accidentally wets his or her pants.
- Give your child opportunities to walk around without nappies/diaper, e.g. outdoors in summer.
- Even once your child is potty trained, he or she stills needs to be reminded to go to the toilet in certain situations, e.g. when preoccupied with a game, before leaving the house...

## Incidentally:

If toilet training proves unsuccessful, it may be too early for this.

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