

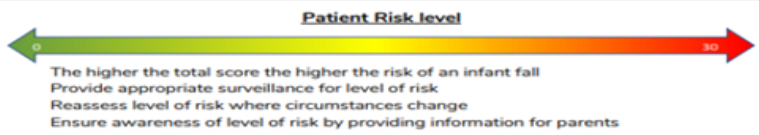
# Appendix 5 – Risk Assessment Tool for Infant Falls



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## Risk Assessment Tool Infant Falls

The risk assessment tool should be completed following birth and repeated following transfer to the postnatal ward. The risk assessment should be repeated every 4 hours, or sooner if clinically indicated



Mode of birth	Normal birth	0
	Assisted birth	2
	Caesarean birth	4
Mobility	Independent	0
	Restricted	2
	Immobile	4
Pain relief in labour	Nil	0
	Entonox	1
	Opiates in the last 12 hours	2
	Spinal or GA	4

**Additional Risk Factors – Treat as “High Risk” (score 8+)**

Medical history eg diabetes, epilepsy, physical disability, learning disability	8
Hb 95g/l or less	8
BMI 40 or more	8
Language barrier	8
Known substance abuse / methadone use	8
Sedative medications	8
Altered conscious level (including extreme tiredness)	8

**Low Risk 0-7:** Reinforce information (written and verbal, ensure woman understands safe sleeping guidance for baby’s safety). Midwife / Health Care Support Worker to review and document on a **4 hourly basis, or sooner if clinically indicated**

**High Risk 8+ :** Reinforce information (written and verbal, ensure woman understands safe sleeping guidance for baby’s safety). Midwife / Health Care Support Worker to review and document on a **1 hourly basis**