

## DANGER SIGNS

*If a client/child has any of these signs he or she might die and needs to be taken immediately to the nearest health facility*

DANGER SIGNS
<b>Convulsions or fits</b> now or within the past 2 days
<b>Coma / Loss of consciousness</b>
<b>Client/child is confused or very sleepy</b> - cannot be woken
<b>Extreme weakness</b> – unable to stand or sit without support
<b>Very Hot</b> – with temperature of 38.5 °C or more
<b>Very Cold</b> –with temperature of 35.0 °C or less
<b>Vomiting everything</b> - cannot keep down food or drink
<b>Not able to drink or breastfeed</b>
<b>Severe anaemia</b> – very pale palms, fingernails, eyelids
<b>Yellow eyes</b>
<b>Difficulty in breathing</b>
<b>Severe dehydration</b> - sunken eyes, sunken fontanelle, skin pinch, coated tongue

What to do if a client/child has any of these danger signs:

1. Check blood using Quick Malaria Test
2. If test is:
  - POSITIVE - Treat client/child with Antimalarial Suppository (Rectal Artesunate)
  - NEGATIVE - Do not give any medicine; refer to health unit for treatment instead
3. Write Emergency Referral Form – use **RED FORM**
4. Instruct caretaker to take client/child to the nearest health unit immediately without delay

### Any illness in a young baby less than 2 months old:

A young baby can quickly become dangerously sick.

Refer baby without delay to the nearest health facility  
– use **RED FORM**

**DO NOT GIVE RECTAL ARTESUNATE  
or any other medicine as this may not be safe in a baby**