

You'll be plenty busy once baby is born, no doubt. Below is a general guideline of some things you need to do and other things you should consider doing during baby's first year.

- Visit your pediatrician for regular, well visits. As always, your pediatrician is the best source of information pertaining to baby's health. Your doctor's office will establish the schedule, but many prefer to see children when they're:
 - Just a couple days old
 - One month old
 - Two months old
 - Four months old
 - Six months old
 - Nine months old
 - One year old
 - Note: Talk with your doctor about what vaccines your child should have; have a pain reducer (e.g., Tylenol) ready for those appointments where your child will get a shot.

- Add your baby to your health insurance; contact your insurance company early to determine any deadlines.
- Sign baby up for Social Security.
- Apply for baby's birth certificate through your local health department.
- Open a checking/savings account for baby.
- Enroll baby in a college savings plan.
- If you plan any international travel, register for baby's passport.
- Baby proof your home, if you haven't already, before baby becomes mobile.
- If you are religious, contact your place of worship to determine what ceremonies are recommended during baby's first year and what preparation you need to do.
- Start planning baby's first birthday party. See the "Preparing for Baby's First Birthday Bash" for tips.
- Enjoy every single moment, and get ready for the toddler years!