

# Who is affected by diphtheria?

Persons of any age can catch diphtheria. However, it is most serious in infants and very young children.

In fact, diphtheria used to be one of the most common causes of death in children under 5 in Canada, until the introduction of routine immunization programs against diphtheria in the 1930s.

**Getting immunized against diphtheria is the best way to protect against it.**



**Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or local public health office about getting the diphtheria vaccine for you or your child.**