

# Why should I get immunized against diphtheria?

Up to **1 out of 10** people who catch diphtheria die, with most deaths occurring in very young children and elderly persons who are unimmunized.

In severe cases, diphtheria can also lead to heart and nerve damage, and can cause suffocation in young children.

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.