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12 to 24 Months



Wait until he is ready to control himself before starting toilet training. Potty training will be easy when he is ready.



Between 1 and 2 years, babies become picky about what they eat and they eat less.



Most babies learn to walk between 12 and 15 months. Some walk earlier, some walk later.





Toddlers want to control what they do. This shows you that they feel secure enough to do it themselves.





Most toddlers need 8 to 11 hours of sleep. They also need to have regular naptimes, and develop a routine.

Keep your toddler safe. Make his area safe so he won't get hurt. Guard the stairs.