

# Was Your Child's Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE) Birth Injury Due to Medical Malpractice?

Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE), or reduced oxygen and blood to the brain, is a birth injury affecting 20 out of every 1,000 full-term births. This birth injury can be caused by obstetrical and neonatal health mismanagement.



## → What are some of the causes of HIE?

- Failure to prevent a premature birth
- Continuing labor and extended delivery
- Improperly monitoring a baby's heart rate
- Mistakes in administering anesthesia
- Mistakes in administering medication to the mother (for example, Cytotec or Pitocin, both used to speed up labor)
- Delayed emergency C-section when fetal distress is evident

Regardless of whether a pregnancy is high- or low-risk, there are situations when emergency interventions are needed. These labor complications necessitate a swift response by medical teams. A failure to follow proper protocols can result in HIE.

## → How an Obstetrical Medical Malpractice Attorney Can Help

A lawyer specializing in obstetric cases can help you determine whether your child was injured by the negligence of a member of your labor and delivery team.



### Talk To An Expert

The medical malpractice attorneys at Miller & Wagner are here to help you evaluate your claim. For more information, [contact us today](#).

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