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### **Signs of cerebral palsy**

One of the most joyous events in a parent's life is the birth of a child. Everyone hopes and prays for a happy, healthy baby. However, the birthing process can be traumatic for the infant. Oftentimes, the baby is injured during birth. Many of these injuries are unavoidable and not caused by the physician's negligence. Unfortunately, sometimes an infant is injured through medical malpractice and develops cerebral palsy. If you think your infant might be suffering from cerebral palsy, watch for these symptoms:

If your child is younger than 6 months old:

- Her muscles feel too stiff
- Her muscles feel too floppy
- Her legs become stiff and cross when you pick her up.
- When you cradle her, she overextends her neck and back, as if pushing away from you.

If your child is older than 6 months:

- He only ever reaches with one hand while the other hand is in a fist.
- He can't put his hands together
- He doesn't roll over.
- He has trouble bringing his hands to his mouth.

If your child has any of these signs, you should bring them to the attention of your pediatrician immediately.

Not all cases of cerebral palsy are caused by medical negligence. It takes an experienced personal injury lawyer to determine whether your child's cerebral palsy was caused by medical malpractice or by something else. If you suspect that your child is suffering from cerebral palsy as a result of a birth injury, call the Minnesota personal injury attorneys at Sieben Polk Law Firm. We will evaluate your case and let you know if we think you have a case.