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Crying is normal; it will stop

By **MANDY LOCKE**, Staff Writer

It's 3 o'clock in the morning. The baby has been wailing for hours. The bottle won't pacify, and the lullaby isn't lulling. Mom is at her wits' end.

Experts on child abuse say this is when some parents or caregivers do what they never thought they could. They grab the infant and shake, sometimes with such force that they cause irreversible brain damage.

Even in less severe cases, the shaking renders the baby quiet.

"Unfortunately, it works," said Desmond Runyan, professor and chairman of the department of social medicine at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine. "You shake the baby, he gets a slight concussion, and he goes to sleep."

Experts with the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome in Utah say people are most likely to shake babies at ages when they cry the most.

After the age of 2 weeks, babies cry a little more each day. A 6-week-old can cry as much as six hours a day. The crying time peaks at 2 to 3 months of age, then slowly tapers off.

Researchers think that if parents understood these terrible crying bouts, they would control their tempers.

The message: Crying for no reason is normal for new babies. It's not your fault, and your baby won't die from crying. A frustrated parent or caregiver who feels upset or angry should put the baby in a safe place and take a minute to calm down, they say.

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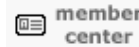
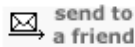
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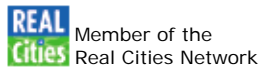
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