Distribution of haematomas in healthy children under the age of 6

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- Only 1 in 10 infants has a haematoma (pre-mobile children)
- 8 from 10 children < 18 months have a haematoma (early mobile children)
- Every child that can walk has 1 to 3 haematomas, of which 80% are located on the shins (mobile children)

Percentage distribution of 2,570 observations from 328 healthy children under the age of 6 years (75% mobile, 19% early mobile and 6% pre-mobile) with at least one bruise, totaling 3523 haematomas (siehe Kemp AM, et. al. Arch Dis Child 2015; 100:426–431. doi:10.1136/archdischild-2014-307120).
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- For **infants** who do not move, every **haematoma** is suspicious.
- For **all children**, one haematoma in the **genital area** is one too many.
- For **all children**, one haematoma around the **ear, neck, neck, calves** and the entire front **Thorax** and **abdomen** is suspicious if there is no suitable explanation.
- For **all children**, a haematoma on the **buttocks** is rare.
- Abused children have on average 3 or more haematomas on more than one part of their body.

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**Hotspots for Abuse**