



# MENINGITIS FACTS

300,000 people die from meningitis globally every year

Meningitis can cause organ damage

Meningitis is hard to detect

Meningitis is fast to develop

Meningitis is spread by healthy people

Meningitis can cause brain injury

Not everyone dislikes bright lights

Meningitis can cause permanent hearing loss

Meningitis is caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites

Meningitis vaccines are the best prevention

1 in 5 people with bacterial meningitis will have serious side effects

Not everyone gets a stiff neck

Vaccines prevent thousands of deaths each year

Not everyone gets a rash

Meningitis can kill in hours

1 in 5 people bacterial meningitis will die



The person's condition may get worse very quickly so it is important to **trust your instincts** – if you suspect meningitis, seek medical help immediately.