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## Health Protection



**Malaria**

**Introduction**  
Malaria is a serious, sometimes fatal, disease caused by a parasite that enters your bloodstream. It is caused by a parasite called Plasmodium.

**Source**  
There are four types of Plasmodium parasite. Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium vivax and Plasmodium malariae are all carried by night biting mosquitoes.

**Where it is found**  
Malaria is found in large regions of the world, mostly in tropical areas of Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and in the countries of the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Middle East and some parts of Europe. About 200 million people live in areas where malaria is common. In 2008, about 2.2 million people died from malaria, mostly in children under the age of five.

**Prevention**  
There are two main ways of avoiding malaria and it is important to take steps to avoid it. There are many ways to prevent malaria and avoid getting it.

**Medical prevention advice**  
There are three different medicines called tablets which can be taken to help you avoid malaria. They are called malaria tablets. They can be taken to prevent malaria and avoid getting it. They can be taken to prevent malaria and avoid getting it.



Malaria is a serious, sometimes fatal, disease spread by mosquitoes. It is common in many tropical countries and is caused by a parasite called Plasmodium. This two page leaflet covers the types of parasite that carry malaria, where it is most commonly found and the preventative measures you can take to avoid malaria.

## Details

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