

# Overactive bladder vs. urge incontinence

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Overactive bladder (OAB) causes a person to urinate more frequently and to feel a sudden and intense need to urinate. Urge incontinence occurs when this urge to urinate causes leaking. Although the two often occur together, they are not the same thing.

Because urge incontinence happens when a person feels an urgent need to urinate, many people with OAB experience it.

However, not everyone with OAB will get urge incontinence. Similarly, other conditions can cause urge incontinence aside from OAB.

Read on to learn more about the difference between overactive bladder versus urge incontinence.

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