

infirm

1. [ɪnˈfɜːm] *a*
 1. немощный, дряхлый; слабый (*физически*)
infirm constitution - слабый /некрепкий/ организм
to walk with infirm steps - идти нетвёрдыми шагами
 2. нерешительный, слабовольный, слабохарактерный
infirm of purpose - нерешительный, неуверенный, нецелеустремлённый
 3. неустойчивый, нетвёрдый
infirm prop - ненадёжная подпорка
infirm ground - а) зыбкий грунт; б) шаткая почва
to tread on infirm ground - не иметь под собой твёрдой почвы
2. [ɪnˈfɜːm] *v редк.*
ослаблять, подрывать (*особ. закон, авторитет и т. п.*)

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in-firm *BrE* [ɪnˈfɜːr̩n̩] *NAmE* [ɪnˈfɜːr̩n̩] **adjective**

1. ill/sick and weak, especially over a long period or as a result of being old
 - to grow old and infirm
2. **the infirm** **noun plural** people who are weak and ill/sick for a long period
 - care for the elderly and infirm

Word Origin:

[**infirm**] late Middle English (in the general sense ‘weak, frail’): from Latin **infirmus**, from **in-** ‘not’ + **firmus** ‘firm’.

Example Bank:

- Father was becoming increasingly infirm.

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[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑firmness, ↑infirmity, the infirm; **adjective**: ↑firm, ↑infirm; **adverb**: ↑firmly]

1. weak or ill for a long time, especially because you are old:
Her grandmother is elderly and infirm.
2. **the infirm** people who are weak or ill for a long time, especially because they are old:
The hotel is on a hill, which is not ideal for the infirm.

THESAURUS

■ **not physically strong**

- **weak** not physically strong, sometimes because you are ill: Tom’s had flu and he’s still feeling weak. | The doctors said she was too weak to have an operation. | He suffered constantly from a weak chest.
- **frail** weak and thin, especially because you are old: a frail 85-year-old lady | My grandfather’s becoming quite frail now.
- **shaky** feeling weak in your legs and only able to walk slowly and unsteadily: When I came out of hospital I was a bit shaky for a while.
- **puny** /ˈpjuːni *especially disapproving* small, thin, and looking very weak: his puny white arms | He was a puny little boy who was often bullied at school.
- **feeble** *especially written* weak and unable to do much because you are very ill, very old or young: For a week she was too feeble to get out of bed. | a tiny, feeble baby
- **delicate** weak and often becoming ill easily: a delicate child | She had rather a delicate constitution (=her body easily became ill).
- **infirm** *formal* weak or ill for a long time, especially because you are old: a residential home for people who are elderly and infirm | There are special facilities for wheelchair users and infirm guests.
- **malnourished** *formal* weak or ill because you have not had enough good food to eat: Half a million people there are severely malnourished. | The organization provides emergency feeding for malnourished children.

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