

PARENTAL RIGHTS

There is a presumption that by relinquishing a newborn infant at a Safe Haven site, the infant's parent consents to the termination of his or her parental rights with respect to the infant.

CONSIDER ADOPTION



Every child deserves a safe and loving home. You can provide this by making an adoption plan, even before giving birth. Several public and private adoption agencies around the United States provide services to those who choose to allow their child to be adopted. Agency staff members carefully interview and check the back-grounds of prospective adoptive parents to make sure that they:

- Have no criminal or child abuse history.
- Have room in their home for a child.
- Can support the child financially.
- Can provide a loving, safe home

If you would like more information on adoption options call 1-866-99BABY1

NATIONAL CRISIS
HOTLINE

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU 24/7

EACH YEAR IN EVERY STATE THERE ARE DISTURBING REPORTS OF NEWBORN BABIES FOUND IN DUMPSTERS AND OTHER UNSAFE PLACES. UNDER THE SAFE HAVEN LAW UNHARMED NEWBORNS CAN BE SURRENDERED AT SAFE HAVEN LOCATIONS WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME. THE POLICE WILL NOT BE CALLED. YOUR BABY WILL GET MEDICAL CARE AND BE ADOPTED INTO A LOVING FAMILY.

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP CONTACT OUR 24-HOUR SAFE HAVEN CRISIS LINE



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SAVING BABIES
ONE BOX
AT A TIME

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**NO SHAME.
NO BLAME.
NO NAMES.**

ABOUT THE SAFE HAVEN LAW

The law is intended to provide an alternative to abandonment and reduce the risk of harm to a newborn by a parent who may be under undue stress. The parent(s) of a newborn infant can relinquish their unharmed infant to the staff at a Safe Haven location while remaining anonymous and avoiding civil or criminal liability.

It is recognized that establishing a traditional adoption plan through a private or public adoption agency, or choosing to parent the child is a preferable parenting plan to abandonment or relinquishment of an infant.

"WE NEVER
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SURRENDER
WILL BE
NECESSARY.

WHAT IS
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THAT WE ARE
PREPARED
SHOULD ONE
NEED TO
OCCUR."

-MONICA

KELSEY

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WHAT OCCURS AT A SAFE HAVEN LOCATION?

Newborns will be handed to personnel or placed inside a Safe Haven Baby Box at approved locations. Staff members receiving the infant will make arrangements for transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital.

Hospital personnel conduct a physical examination of the newborn infant and provide any needed medical care. After completing the assessment and any aftercare the hospital transfers the newborn to the Department of Child Services. They will place the infant with an adoptive family quickly.

If you wish, you can complete forms to provide medical information about your newborn. This helps healthcare workers taking care of your baby. The forms can be filled out at the Safe Haven location, or you can take them with you and return them by mail. All of the information you provide remains confidential. You do not need to give your name.