

Anonymous and Safe Relinquishment of a Newborn Baby

EMS Instructor Seminar

What Will You Do?



The Utah Newborn Safe Haven, or 'baby drop-off' law, allows a birth mother or any other person to anonymously turn over a newborn at any Utah hospital.



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH



UTAH NEWBORN
Safe Haven

The Law ...

- **protects infants from injury and death;**
- **provides a safe place for newborns;**
- **allows secrecy and anonymity for any person dropping off the newborn.**

(Utah Code Ann. Sec. § 62A-4a-802)



In many other states newborns can be dropped-off at fire and police stations.

In Utah we promote dropping off only at hospitals because...

...with the many rural stations in Utah, there is concern that a baby could be left and not found by staff in a timely manner.



But, could you be approached?

YES

It's a matter of when!

**What will you do if approached, handed or
you find a newborn?**



ALL staff can accept a newborn.

No questions should be asked of the person giving-up the newborn.

No Names. No Questions. No Police.



**Do not hesitate
to accept a newborn
from anyone!**

(Utah Code Ann. Sec. § 62A-4a-802)



If you are approached and are unable to accept the newborn, find another EMS worker who is able to take the newborn.



Immediately

- **Assess health of newborn AND the mother**
- **Take the newborn and/or mom to any hospital that has a 24/7 emergency room**



Medical History of the Newborn

A person giving you the newborn may wish to provide medical information on the health of the infant or medical history of the parents.

A Medical History Form can be found on the Safe Haven website.



Utah Newborn Safe Haven

Optional Medical Questionnaire

If you choose, fill out this form and bring it with your newborn. You may mail it at a later time to the address provided.

Baby's Birth Date: _____

Was your Baby born early, before its due date? Yes / No / Unsure

Were there any problems with the pregnancy? Yes / No / Unsure

If yes, what were they?

Did you smoke, use alcohol, drugs or any medication during the pregnancy? Yes / No / Unsure

If yes, explain:



After a health evaluation and the newborn is stable, hospital staff will contact the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) 1-855-323-3237.

utah department of
human services

<http://www.hsdcpf.utah.gov>



DCFS assumes custody of the newborn then places the newborn in foster care and the adoption process is immediately started.



Educating Our Community

**Spread the word to your community:
There is a Safe Place for Newborns**

**Hand out materials when attending
community meetings and other events:**



Fliers in English and Spanish can be ordered and sent to you at no cost!



Safely give up your newborn at any hospital.

No questions. No names. No police.

24-Hour Hotline Online
866-458-0058 | utahsafehaven.org

Entregue de manera segura a su bebé en cualquier hospital.

Sin preguntas. Sin policía. Sin nombres.

  



Utah Newborn Safe Haven Checklist

- If approached, take newborn – No Questions.
- Assess health of infant AND mother.
- Contact 9-1-1/EMS to get infant and mother (if needed)
• to an emergency room.
- 24/7 Hotline 1-866-458-0058 or visit www.utahsafehaven.org



Cut-out and keep in your wallet or your vehicle's glovebox.



To order materials
Email: lfhansen@utah.gov



For more information visit

www.utahsafehaven.org



**We appreciate all that you do
to protect Utah citizens!**

