



Anonymous and Safe Relinquishment of a Newborn Baby

EMS Instructor Seminar

What Will You Do?





**UTAH NEWBORN
SAFE HAVEN**

The Utah Newborn Safe Haven, or 'baby drop-off' law, allows a birth mother or any other person to anonymously turn over a newborn to any employee at a Utah hospital offering 24-hour services.





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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)



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Your Role?



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- ALL staff can accept a newborn;
- No questions should be asked of the person giving-up the newborn.



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

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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.**





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Medical History of the Newborn

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

Names should not be given.

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:



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

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



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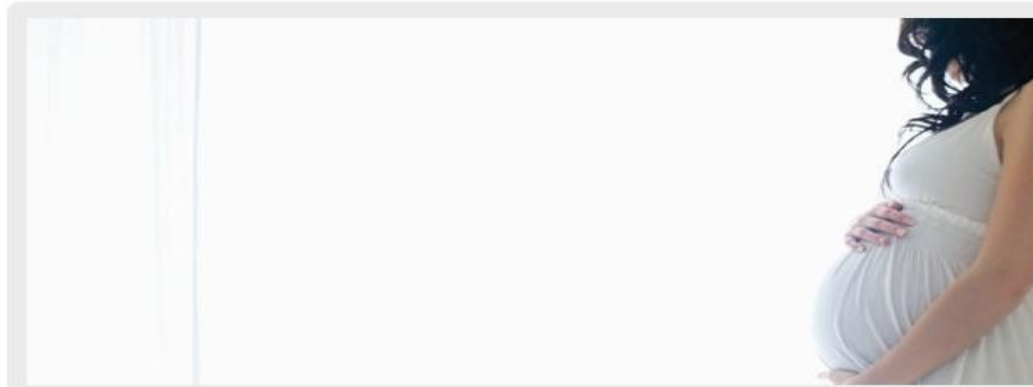
DCFS assumes legal custody of the newborn then places the newborn for adoption.



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For More Information Visit

www.utahsafehaven.org



You have hidden your pregnancy.

[Click here to learn more about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven law.](#)

The Utah Newborn Safe Haven law is designed to prevent the tragic situation where a woman abandons her newborn in an unsafe place, jeopardizing the life of the infant.

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A Utah law provides protection for you and your newborn.



1(866)-458-0058



Safe Haven Law

In May 2001, a state-wide law went into effect in Utah allowing birth parents to anonymously give up custody of their newborn child without facing any legal consequences.



What We Do

Utah Safe Haven promotes information about the Utah Safe Haven law, empowering new mothers with information about a safe alternative to abandonment.



Emergency Child Care Resources

These child care resources may be of help to you or someone you know. Visit our [About](#) page for links for emergency child care.



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