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Information for Students



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Objectives for Students:

Learn about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law

Know where and how to safely 'drop off' a newborn

Have resources for questions about the law



The Ideal World



All pregnancies would be planned and wanted;
Newborns would be welcomed into the home; and
They would be raised in a safe and loving household.



Why a Pregnancy May Not be Welcomed



A person may not want to admit or believe that there is a pregnancy due to:

Sexual assault;

Fear of telling parents;

Fear family will be disappointed; or

Fear of death.



Consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy



If a person hides a pregnancy, she may not get:

Prenatal care;

Mental health counseling and services;

Information about adoption and other resources.



More Consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy



The woman may have delivered the baby on her own and may need medical care.

The parents of the newborn may panic and leave the baby in an unsafe place.

The woman or the infant - or both - may die.



The Utah Newborn Safe Haven or 'Baby Drop Off' Law



The law allows a birth mother or any other person to leave a newborn at a Utah hospital emergency room...

NO Questions Asked

NO Police

NO Judgment



What is the definition of a 'Newborn Baby'?



A Newborn Baby defined under the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law:

A baby 3 days old (72 hours) or younger



What to Do



Don't be afraid to call 9-1-1.

Emergency staff know about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law.

Emergency staff know how to take care of the baby and the mom.



What Happens at the Hospital?



After arriving at the emergency room, the doctors and nurses will make sure both mom and the baby are healthy.



Privacy is the Law



Mom does not have to give any information to emergency or hospital staff.

Privacy is important and it is the law.

But, if mom *does* have medical information about the health of the newborn, or knows of a serious disease that runs in the family, it will be helpful to tell the emergency or hospital staff.



What Happens to the Newborn?

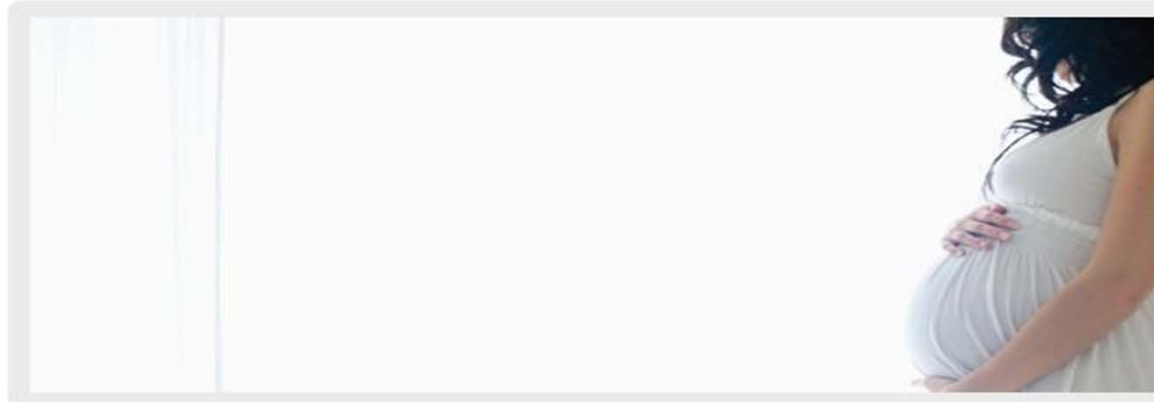


After the newborn is checked by a doctor, hospital staff contact the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

DCFS gives the baby to trained foster parents who will care for him or her until adopted.



Questions?



You have hidden your pregnancy.

[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.

[Read More](#)

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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