

What is Safe Haven?

The Pennsylvania Safe Haven Law gives parents a safe and legal alternative to abandoning their baby.



How to use Safe Haven

- Drop your healthy newborn (28 days old or younger) off at a hospital, with a police officer at a police station or an emergency services provider at an EMS station. (Some hospitals will have basinetts for the baby to be dropped off. You do not need to tell staff about yourself. If dropping off at a police station or emergency services provider, be sure to connect with a police officer or an emergency services responder.)
- Before you go, if you wish to provide medical information about the infant, you may print and fill out a medical questionnaire about the baby at secretsafe.org [Hospitals will have the questionnaire available as well.]

Successes

Since Safe Haven's inception in Pennsylvania, dozens of newborns have been relinquished to hospitals and subsequently adopted.

Information

Visit secretsafe.org and/or call the Pennsylvania Safe Haven Helpline at **1-866-921-SAFE (7233)**. The helpline is available 24/7 for information and advice.



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READY
to be a mom?**

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Q & A

Q: What happens to the baby?

A: The baby will be examined by a doctor and provided any medical care needed. The local children and youth agency will take custody of the baby and find him or her a loving family.

Q: What if I change my mind?

A: If you change your mind and you want your baby back, you'll need to call your county children and youth agency. An online directory can be found at dhs.pa.gov.

Q: Am I going to get in trouble?

A: As long as the baby is 28 days old or younger and not harmed or abused, you will not get in trouble with the police.

Q: What will the people at the hospital ask me?

A: They may ask for health information so the baby can get necessary care and so the adoptive parents are aware of possible conditions the baby may have or may inherit. You may fill out a health history form when you arrive at the hospital, or print out and complete a medical questionnaire online, at secretsafe.org, and take it with you.



Q: If I go to a police station or emergency services provider instead of a hospital, can I just leave my baby there?

A: No. If you take the baby to a police station or emergency services provider, you must give the baby to a police officer or an emergency services responder. If you wish to provide health information about the infant, you may print out and complete a medical questionnaire on secretsafe.org.



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