

VOLUNTARY MEDICAL HISTORY

Baby's birth date: _____

Was baby premature? Yes No

Were there any problems with your pregnancy or delivery? Yes No

If yes, what were they? _____

While you were pregnant, did you:

Smoke cigarettes: Yes No

Drink alcohol: Yes No

Take drugs/prescription medication: Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Check all that are known

Asthma: Mother Father

Diabetes: Mother Father

Allergies: Mother Father

Seizures: Mother Father

Cancer: Mother Father

Heart disease: Mother Father

High blood pressure: Mother Father

Mental Illness: Mother Father

Native American: Mother Father



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FOR NEWBORNS

If you are in need of safe relinquishment options, or would like training for your organization, please contact Safe Place for Newborns:

24/7 crisis line: 1-877-440-2229

Text: 414-491-8943

Email: safeplacefornewborns@ascension.org

Website: safeplacefornewborns.org

Address: PO Box 320424, Franklin, WI 53132



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Providing a
safe place
for mom
and baby in
Wisconsin
since 2001.



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The founding purpose, and continuing mission, of Safe Place for Newborns is to save the lives of newborns in danger of abandonment and to help preserve the health and future of their mothers.

The Safe Haven Law

The Safe Haven Law was enacted on April 3, 2001 in Wisconsin. This law makes it possible for parents to safely surrender their unharmed newborn up to 30 days old to any EMT, hospital employee, police officer, firefighter or newborn infant safety device. — no questions asked. Parents that surrender their newborn may do so anonymously without fear of prosecution. The Safe Haven Law is in place to help ensure that newborns are not discarded or harmed in any way, all while protecting the health and identity of the parents.

It is preferred that women choose to deliver safely in a hospital to provide appropriate care and avoid negative outcomes. With this in mind, an infant born in a hospital may be relinquished prior to, or after, discharge from a medical facility within 30 days.

Even when delivering in a hospital, the Safe Haven Law allows parents to relinquish their newborn with no questions asked.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I get in trouble?

NO! If you choose to leave your infant in the care of a healthcare professional, police officer, EMT or firefighter, you will face no repercussions as long as it is within 30 days of birth and the infant appears unharmed.

If I deliver at a hospital, how do I remain anonymous?

Once you decide that relinquishment is the best option, all identifying information will be removed from the infant's medical record. When the infant is reported to the local child welfare agency, your name is withheld and identity is protected.

What happens to my baby?

All Safe Haven babies are kept safe in a hospital setting until medically-able to go home to an approved pre-adoptive home. Your local child welfare agency will monitor their care until an adoption is final.

Do I have to give any information?

You will be asked if you are willing to provide basic health information that will help us provide the best possible care for your baby, but you are not required to answer.

What if I change my mind?

If you change your mind after leaving the hospital, you can contact your local child welfare agency for directions. You will be required to go through the agency and may need to complete DNA testing. This is a very time sensitive process, and it is important to contact them as soon as possible.

The Badger Hotline – 1.800.722.2295

may be able to assist with resources if you would like additional information.

Please call our 24/7 crisis line – 1.877.440.2229

if you have questions or need someone to talk to.

Anonymity is guaranteed when safely relinquishing an infant. Gathering of any identifying information is completely voluntary on the part of the parent, and that choice does not impact the ability to safely relinquish the child. Any information provided will be treated as confidential.

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