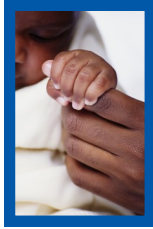


Once the baby is examined and given medical treatment (if needed), the Indiana Department of Child Services will take the baby into custody through Child Protective Services where it will be placed with a caregiver.



Distressed parents can receive counseling and get addresses and directions for any hospital, fire station or police station in Indiana by calling the **Safe Haven Hotline, 1-877-796-HOPE (4673), or 2-1-1.**



Parents can learn more by visiting the National Safe Haven

Alliance in Indiana website [www.safehaven.tv](http://www.safehaven.tv) to get more information.

*Information from the Indiana Department of Child Services*

# Safe Haven

No one has to abandon an infant



**Prevent Child Abuse  
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If you need more information about this or other parenting topics call 1-800-CHILDREN or visit our website at [www.pca.in.org](http://www.pca.in.org)

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The **Indiana Safe Haven** Law enables a person to give up an unwanted infant **anonymously** without fear of arrest or prosecution.

A parent, family member, friend, minister or priest, social worker or any responsible person may give up custody of a baby **less than 30 days** old to an Indiana ...

***...Firefighter***

***...Law Enforcement Officer***

***...Paramedic***

***...Physician***

***...Nurse***

***...Emergency Medical Technician***

***...or Other Person who provides  
Emergency Medical Services***

As long as there are no signs of intentional abuse on the baby, no information is required of the person leaving the baby. Any knowledge of the date of birth, race, parent medical history, child's health or anything that would be useful to the child's caregiver would be greatly appreciated.



As of July 1, 2018, new legislation was passed to include newborn safety devices.

- A. An emergency medical services provider (as defined in [IC 16-41-10-1](#)) shall, without a court order, take custody of a child who is, or who appears to be, not more than thirty (30) days of age if:
  - 1. the child is voluntarily left:
    - a. with the provider by the child's parent;
    - b. in a newborn safety device that:
      - i. has been approved by a hospital licensed under [IC 16-21](#);
      - ii. is physically located inside a hospital that is staffed continuously on a twenty-four (24) hour basis every day to provide care to patients in an emergency; and
      - iii. is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to hospital staff; or
    - c. in a newborn safety device that was installed on or before January 1, 2017, and is located at a site that is staffed by an emergency medical services provider (as defined in [IC 16-41-10-1](#)); and
  - 2. the parent does not express an intent to return for the child.
- B. An emergency medical services provider who takes custody of a child under this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the child's physical health or safety.
- C. Any person who in good faith voluntarily leaves a child:
  - 1. with an emergency medical services provider; or
  - 2. in a newborn safety device described in subsection (a)(1)(B); is not obligated to disclose the parent's name or the person's name.
- D. A hospital that approves the operation of a newborn safety device that meets the requirements set forth in subsection (a)(1)(B) is immune from civil liability for an act or omission relating to the operation of the newborn safety device unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- E. A newborn safety device described in subsection (a)(1)(C) may continue to operate without meeting the conditions set forth in subsection (a)(1)(B).