

SAFE HAVEN

No one has to abandon an infant. The **Indiana Safe Haven Law** enables a person to surrender 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...



HOSPITAL



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



PHYSICIAN



**FIREFIGHTER OR AT A "SAFE
BOX" LOCATED AT SPECIFIC FIRE
STATIONS**



NURSE



**PARAMEDIC OR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIAN**



**OR OTHER PERSON WHO
PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ✓ 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 (such as diabetes, HIV or other family medical history).
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Parents can receive free counseling and discuss all types of options regarding their situation by calling the **National Safe Haven Hotline 1-866-992-2291** or online at www.SHBB.org. They may also call the **2-1-1 Resource Line** or **988 Mental Health Hotline**.

LEARN MORE

For more information, visit the National Safe Haven Alliance in Indiana website at www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org.

ABOUT US

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. In doing so, we make Indiana a safer, better place for our children.

Together, prevention is possible.



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