## Safe Haven Hotline
## 1-877-839-2339

**Child Abuse Hotline**
**1-877-NJ ABUSE**

**Domestic Violence Hotline**
**1-800-572-SAFE**

**For social services in your area, call 211 or visit www.nj211.org**

**For Information about health care coverage, call 1-877-962-8448**

**Parents Anonymous of New Jersey Family Helpline**
**1-800-THE KIDS**

NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**New Jersey Safe Haven**

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## New Jersey has a safe haven for unwanted infants.

Leave the baby with staff at any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance or resue squad staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

***SAFELY - LEGALLY - ANONYMOUSLY***

NO SHAME · NO BLAME · NO NAMES

## Safe Haven Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Safe Haven?

It's a state law that allows a parent to anonymously give up an unwanted infant at a Safe Haven location. If the baby is less than 30 days old, the parent may surrender the infant and will not be arrested or prosecuted for doing so.

### Where can I find a Safe Haven?

Safe Havens in New Jersey are hospital emergency rooms and police stations. Also fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the Safe Haven Hotline at 1-877-839-2339 for more information.

### Must a parent bring in the baby?

No. It can be anyone the parent chooses.

### Do I have to call first?

No. Walk in anytime.

### What do I have to tell the people taking the baby?

You only need to tell us that you have a Safe Haven baby, but it does help us care for the baby to know the baby's race, date of birth, place of birth, and health status and the medical history of the parents. You can provide this information on a voluntary and anonymous medical questionnaire available at any Safe Haven site.

### What happens to the mother?

If she brings the baby, the mother will be offered medical and social services. She is free to accept or decline these services. Once she has turned over the baby, the mother is free to go.

### What happens to the baby?

The infant receives a medical exam. The New Jersey Department of Children and Families takes custody of and places the infant in a foster or pre-adoptive home.

### What happens if a woman voluntarily identifies herself?

If a woman voluntarily provides identifying information, her anonymity will no longer be protected under the law. The state may search for and contact the infant's father and/or relatives.

### Why does New Jersey do this?

New Jersey created Safe Havens to protect unwanted babies from unsafe abandonment. Unsafe infant abandonment is dangerous and illegal.

### What if a relative or the mother wants to regain custody?

Call the Safe Haven Hotline at 1-877-839-2339.

***Don't let another baby be abandoned. If you or someone you know is considering surrendering an infant, learn about your options.***