

WHAT IS THE NEVADA "SAFE HAVEN" LAW?

Nevada State Law NRS 4328.630 allows parents to anonymously give their unharmed newborn baby, 30 days or younger, to an emergency care provider without penalty or follow up. A "Safe Haven child" must not have been exposed to abuse or neglect upon relinquishment.



"A parent must express no intent or desire to return for the child or be involved in the adoption process."

The three main principles of the Safe Haven law are safety for the child, anonymity, and immunity from prosecution for the biological parents. A parent may choose to give up their baby under Safe Haven immediately after the birth process by expressing intent to do so to hospital staff.



**UNABLE TO CARE
FOR YOUR BABY?
KNOW YOUR OPTIONS...**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT**



Washoe County
Department of Social Services
(775) 785-8600



Crisis Call Center
1 (800) 992-5757



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Safe Haven Nevada

FROM YOUR ARMS TO OURS



**NO SHAME.
NO BLAME.
NO NAMES.**



State of Nevada
Washoe County
Department of Social Services



A SAFE and anonymous way to surrender your baby.

WHAT INFORMATION

AM I REQUIRED TO GIVE?

You are not required to give any identifying information about yourself, the child, or relatives. You may volunteer information, however by volunteering information you will no longer be able to remain anonymous. By not providing an address you waive any notice of future hearings regarding the child.

WHAT IS MY LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY?

By using Safe Haven you are protected from being legally responsible for your child and will not be legally punished. If you provide identifying information, to include an address, you will be notified of court hearings regarding the child. In order for your child to be adopted, your parental rights to the child will be terminated in court.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER PARENT?

You are not required to provide any information regarding relatives or parents of the child. However, should you decide to provide information there is an obligation to investigate any information that may lead to the identity of the other parent and provide notice to that parent if they are able to be located.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY BABY?

If you leave your baby at a 24/7 staffed fire or police station they will provide initial medical care for the baby then transport the baby to the nearest hospital. If you surrender your baby at the hospital at the time of birth or thereafter the hospital will contact Child Protective Services to initiate placement of your child into appropriate care.

Once your rights are terminated, your baby will be adopted into a forever home.

LOCATIONS TO SAFELY SURRENDER YOUR BABY

- ▶ Your local hospital
- ▶ An Urgent Care facility
- ▶ An occupied Police or Fire Station
- ▶ Dialing 911

Surrender in the hands of a staff person. Tell them you are leaving the baby in "Safe Haven."

If the child is not surrendered to a person, immediately call 911 and notify of the location of child.

If you are in the hospital, IMMEDIATELY notify any nursing or social services staff of your intent to surrender your newborn under Safe Haven.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

If things change and you feel like you can care for your baby, contact Washoe County Department of Social Services.



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