

Information for Students



Objectives:

- Learn about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law
- Know where and how to safely drop off a newborn
- Have resources for questions

The Ideal World

All pregnancies would be planned and wanted.
Newborns would be welcomed into the home.
Raised in a safe and loving household.





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Why would someone hide a pregnancy or not admit to being pregnant?

- Sexual assault
- Fear of telling parents
- Fear family will be disappointed



Consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy

If a person hides a pregnancy they may not get:

- Prenatal care
- Mental health counseling and services
- Information about adoption and other resources

More consequences of Hiding a Pregnancy

- The woman may have delivered the baby on her own and may need medical care.
- The parents of the newborn may panic and leave the baby in an unsafe place.

The Utah Newborn Safe Have or 'Baby Drop off' Law

The Utah Newborn Safe Haven, or 'baby drop-off' law, allows a birth parent or someone they choose to legally and anonymously give up custody of their newborn at any hospital in Utah. They do not have to identify themselves or answer any questions.

What is the definition of a 'Newborn baby'

A Newborn baby defined under the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law:

A baby 90 days old or younger.

What to do

- Don't be afraid to call for help **866-458-0058**
- Emergency staff know about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law
- Emergency staff know how to take care of the baby and the mom

Hospital Responsibilities

- Shall provide necessary child care
- Notify Hospital Birth Certificate Clerk
- Contact Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) at (801) 538-4100 within 24 hours



Privacy is the Law

- You do not have to give any information to hospital staff
- Privacy is important and it is the law
- You may provide medical information, it is optional

What Happens to the Newborn

DCFS will place the child in the care of a foster family until an adoptive family is found.



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