



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



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The Ideal World

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





Why a Pregnancy May Not be Welcomed

- 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



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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.



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

The law allows a birth mother or any other person to leave a newborn, 30 days or younger, at a hospital.

- No shame
- No blame
- No names



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What is the definition of a ‘Newborn baby’

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

A baby 30 days old or younger.



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What to do

- Don't be afraid to call emergency services at 9-1-1
- Emergency staff know about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law
- Emergency staff know how to take care of the baby and the mom

What to do

Once at the hospital the hospital will do a health check on the newborn.





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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



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What Happens to the Newborn

After the newborn is checked by a doctor, the hospital contacts the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

The baby is given to trained foster parents and then adopted.



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