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# A Safe Haven for Your Baby

PENNSYLVANIA'S  
SAFE HAVEN LAW

## **It can be difficult and scary to plan for a baby.**

Circumstances beyond our control may make it impossible to care for a newborn. Out of fear or shame, some mothers abandon their baby hours after birth. Safe Haven gives parents an option that is safe for their child, legal and confidential.

Through Safe Haven, parents who feel they cannot take care of their newborn may place it in the care of any hospital in the state of Pennsylvania without the fear of criminal prosecution as long as the baby has not been harmed.

**Clarion Hospital Emergency Department is a Safe Haven site.**

Newborns up to 28 days old can be left with any hospital staff member and no information from the parents is needed. No questions will be asked. A doctor will examine the baby and provide any medical care needed. The local county children and youth agency will then take custody of the baby to help find him or her a loving family. This is a legal, confidential way to relinquish care of your child to a safe organization and give them a brighter future.

## **For more information:**

**Safe Haven:** [www.secretssafe.org](http://www.secretssafe.org)

**Pennsylvania Safe Haven Helpline:** 1-866-921-SAFE (7233)