What is Safe Delivery of Newborns?

Michigan’s Safe Delivery of Newborns law is a safe, legal and confidential way to surrender your newborn. A baby, up to three days old, may be given to anyone who is inside and on duty at any

- Hospital
- Fire department
- Police station
- By calling 9-1-1

The newborn will be placed for adoption.

For more information, you can visit Michigan.gov/Safe Delivery or by calling the Safe Delivery Hotline at 1-866-733-7733.
Not ready? Surrendering your baby is safe, legal, and confidential.

Questions You May Have

Do I have to give any information about myself?

No, but you may be asked some questions about your baby’s health to help give them the best care. Any information you choose to share will be kept confidential. You may leave without answering any questions.

What happens to the baby?

Your baby will be taken to the hospital right away to get any care they may need. Your baby will be then be placed for adoption.

What if I want my baby back?

A parent may petition the court within 28 days of surrender to regain custody of their baby. After 28 days the court will legally terminate parental rights and the baby will be placed for adoption. Efforts will be made to reach the non-surrendering parent prior to the 28th day.

Will I receive information about my baby’s adoption?

No, there will be no attempt to contact the surrendering parent, but attempts will be made to contact the non-surrendering parent.

Where can I get more information?

For more information you can visit the Michigan Safe Delivery website at Michigan.gov/SafeDelivery or call the 24/7 Safe Delivery Hotline at 1-866-733-7733.

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Safe Ways to Surrender Your Newborn

Call 9-1-1.

Surrendering parent(s) must give the newborn to a uniformed employee, inside and on duty at any of these locations, or a paramedic or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) by calling 9-1-1.