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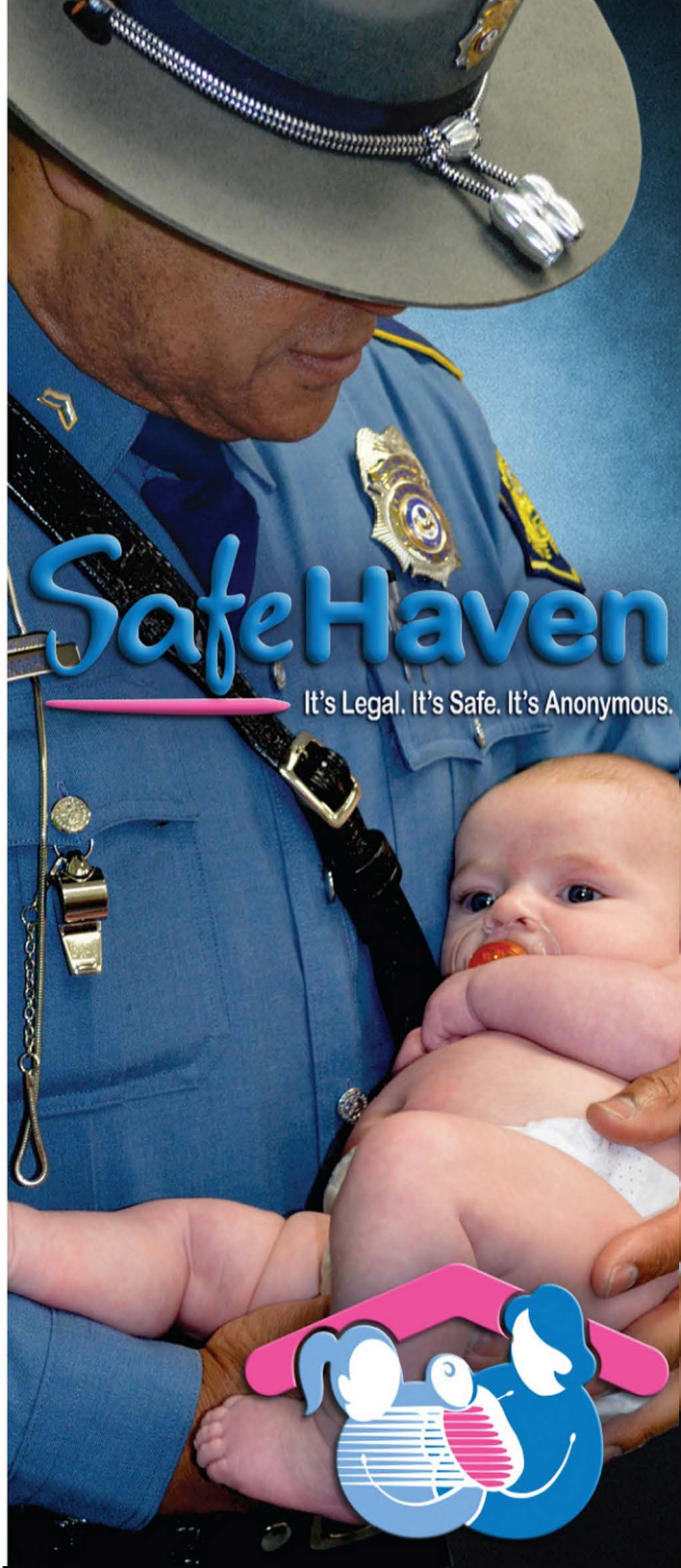
Don't abandon  
your baby.



Please call **1-888-510-BABY**  
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to get addresses and directions for any hospital, fire  
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You also can visit our website at  
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Or call **866-99BABY1** to find the nearest  
Safe Haven Baby Box

 **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Children and Family Services  
[www.Humanservices.arkansas.gov](http://www.Humanservices.arkansas.gov)







Look for this sticker for a Safe Haven hospital or law enforcement location.



# Safe Haven is a law designed to protect babies.

## What is Safe Haven?

In Arkansas, the Safe Haven law allows a parent to give up an infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to prevent babies from being hurt or killed by unsafe abandonment. Unsafely abandoning a baby puts the infant in extreme danger that can result in the baby's death. It also is illegal, with severe consequences.

## How does it work?

A parent who does not want an infant or who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby 30 days or younger legally and anonymously. Safe Haven allows a baby to be given up at any:

- Hospital emergency room
- Police station
- Sheriff or State Police Office
- Fire station (manned 24 hours a day)

When a baby is dropped off, no information is required, but a parent may share the baby's age or health status.

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## Will I be in trouble?

No. As long as the baby has not been abused, the parent may give it up:

- Without fear of arrest or prosecution
- Anonymously

The Arkansas Department of Human Services' Division of Children and Family Services will immediately take custody and place the child in a foster or pre-adoptive home where it will be loved and cared for. The division will terminate parental rights, freeing the baby for adoption.

## Where do I leave my newborn?

You can take the baby to any hospital emergency room in Arkansas, any police or sheriff department or an Arkansas State Police office, or a fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day. The baby must be left with an employee unless there is a marked baby box.

## Who can drop off the baby?

The only people who can legally drop off a newborn are the parents.

