



**Safe Haven**  
It's Legal. It's Safe. It's Anonymous.

To get addresses and directions for any hospital,  
police station or sheriff's office in Arkansas

please call **1-888-510-BABY**  
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[www.arkansassafehaven.org](http://www.arkansassafehaven.org)

## ADDITIONAL SAFE HAVEN GUIDELINES FOR HOSPITALS

**Under Safe Haven when a baby is brought to, or delivered in a hospital, the staff should:**

- **Examine & admit the baby to the hospital**

Hospital staff should provide the baby any needed medical care, including routine tests and treatment for newborns. If the baby appears older than 30 days or abused or neglected, notify law enforcement.

- **Offer medical care & service referrals**

The parent is free to walk away, but she may be in need of medical attention or social services. Explain that by accepting services she will not give up the legal protections or anonymity guaranteed under the Safe Haven law.

If the child is brought in by a police officer, take any information the officer was able to acquire.

- **Call DCFS**

Hospitals must call the Division of Children and Family Services at 1-800-482-5964 the day the baby is surrendered.

- **Comply with court orders obtained by the division of children and family services**

Such orders might include DNA or HIV testing of the baby. When the baby is ready to be discharged, DCFS will take custody and place the baby in a foster or pre-adoptive home.