

Safe Haven

- ▶ Allows a distressed parent to give up an unwanted infant safely, legally and confidentially
- ▶ Protects the parent from arrest or prosecution for abandonment
- ▶ Requires no names or records
- ▶ Permits babies up to 30 days old to be given up at any hospital emergency room or police station in New Jersey
- ▶ Makes medical treatment and social services available to the birth mother - confidentially
- ▶ Puts the child into the custody of the Division of Youth and Family Services, which places the infant in a foster or pre-adoptive home

Certainly we would prefer that women call us while they are pregnant, not after giving birth, so we can provide proper medical care and counseling. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their children that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in a hospital emergency room or police station.

In New Jersey, no one ever has to abandon a child again.

Safe Haven Hotline: 1-877-839-2339

These Numbers Can Also Help:

Parents Anonymous
Family Helpline
1-800-THE KIDS

Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-572-SAFE

Child Abuse Hotline
1-877-NJ ABUSE

Work First NJ
(Welfare for families and individuals)
1-800-792-9773
or call 2-1-1



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**no shame.
no blame.
no names.**

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for unwanted infants**

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