

# Safe Place *for newborns*



**If you need to give up your newborn  
You have a safe choice.**

## **What is Missouri's Safe Place for Newborns Law?**

Missouri's Safe Place for Newborns Law allows you to permanently give up your newborn up to 45 days old without prosecution, as long as it is done according to law and safely.

Before making this decision, you should know:

- This is permanent
- The newborn must be safe and left with an appropriate professional
- The other parent has rights and will have 30 days to regain custody

## **Who can I leave my newborn with?**



HOSPITAL  
MATERNITY HOME  
PREGNANCY CENTER  
STAFF



EMS  
PROFESSIONAL



FIRE  
STATION



LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER

## **Your newborn will be safe and protected.**

Newborns will receive any medical treatment necessary and the Children's Division will be notified to help find a safe, stable home with a nurturing family.

For more information, call **1-800-392-3738** or visit [dss.mo.gov/cd](https://dss.mo.gov/cd)