



- Are you pregnant?
- Did you just give birth?
- Are you unable to care for your baby?
- Do you know someone struggling with these concerns?

The Maryland Safe Haven law allows a mother of an newborn or responsible adult*, to leave an unharmed** newborn, within 60 days of birth, at a designated facility without fear of arrest or prosecution.

* **Responsible adult** means an individual 18 years old or older who may reasonably be expected to provide proper care to an newborn left in the individual's care and who is willing and able to immediately take the newborn to a designated facility.

** **Unharmed** means no evidence of physical injury or failure to give proper care and attention to an newborn.





In Maryland, designated facilities include hospitals, licensed medical providers, police departments, state police barracks, and insured fire companies (whether volunteer or professional).



Call 2-1-1 to ask for the nearest Safe Haven location.

For Health Coverage in Maryland

Contact Maryland Health Connection at (855) 642-8572 or TTY (855) 642-8573



To learn more about Maryland's Safe Haven Program, contact your local Department of Social Services at 1-800-917-7383. All calls can be made anonymously.

For more information you may visit the Maryland Department of Human Services' website. (dhs.maryland.gov/safe-haven/)

