

# Newborn Safety and Security

*Bryan Medical Center is committed to the safety and well-being of you and your baby. Help us protect your baby by reading and following this information.*

*The medical center has installed door locks, cameras and an electronic infant protection system to ensure the safety of your baby. The small tag around your baby's ankle means that your baby is monitored at all times. If anyone tries to remove the tag or take your baby through a protected exit, an alarm will sound.*

## ***During your hospital stay, here are things you should do.***

### ***Know your nurses***

All Bryan Medical Center staff wear an identification badge. Before you let anyone touch your baby, check that person's photo ID badge. The staff is specially identified with a pink stripe on their badge.

### ***Baby identification bands***

At birth, the nurse attaches an identification band to your baby with an ID number. An identical band is placed on you. In addition, an electronic security tag is placed on your baby. Do not remove any bands from yourself or your baby. If you feel the band is too tight on your baby, share your concern with your nurse.

### ***Never leave your baby unattended***

While you are in your room, keep your baby in sight at all times. Keep the bassinet beside your bed, on the side away from the door.

### ***Make sure your baby travels in the bassinet***

Any time you or a nurse takes your baby from your hospital room, the baby must be in a bassinet. Only authorized staff members are allowed to move your baby for examinations or tests. Notify the nurse's station immediately if you see anyone carrying a baby in his or her arms.

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## ***Wash hands***

Ask visitors, siblings and any children to wash their hands thoroughly before holding your baby.

## ***Illness prevention***

Ask visitors and family to stay home if they currently have a fever, rash, diarrhea, sore throat, runny nose, cough or vomiting. In addition, any exposure in the last 30 days to measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough or chicken pox can be contagious to a newborn. If you are concerned that your older children are contagiously ill, ask your baby's health care provider for advice about visiting.

## ***Young children visiting***

Young children must have an adult present to care for them while visiting the new baby and mother.

## ***Photographs and videotaping related to your safety***

Normally, when you think of safety you think of your "physical safety" like having help when you get up for the first time so you won't fall. Another part of safety is your privacy and our commitment to confidentiality. Confidentiality means you can trust us with your private affairs.

## ***Guidelines to help us ensure your privacy:***

**Ask permission to take pictures/video of staff to respect their privacy.**

**You may take pictures and or videotape before and after the actual delivery of your baby.**

Taking pictures and videotaping are not allowed until given permission to do so by the staff or the doctor once you and your baby's well-being is confirmed.

## ***Transfer***

You will be transferred to the Mother/Baby unit located on the 5th or 6th floor once you have met certain criteria. We will help you move your belongings but be sure to have them gathered together. When you are transferred to the Mother/Baby unit, the Hugs Infant Security Tag will be placed on your baby. It provides an infant security system allowing freedom of movement within a monitored area.

Your baby must be with you, a support person with an identical baby wrist band or staff at all times. For safety and infection prevention reasons, only persons with identical baby wrist bands may enter the nursery.