



## Nebraska's Newborn Safe Haven Act

Effective July 19, 2024, Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-4903 allows a baby up to **ninety** days old, to be left with an employee on duty at:

- a) A hospital licensed by the State of Nebraska;
- b) A staffed fire station;
- c) A staffed law enforcement agency; or
- d) An emergency care provider.

**Information about potential locations is available online at [safehaven.ne.gov](https://safehaven.ne.gov).** Individuals are protected from prosecution for any crime based solely on the act of surrendering a baby in accordance with the law.

If you are uncertain how to care for your baby or need other support, please know there are resources available to you. **Call or text the National Safe Haven Alliance crisis hotline at 1-888-510-BABY (2229).** NSHA will help you locate resources, find a temporary placement or a local adoption agency. For the benefit of your baby, safe haven should only be used when there are no safe alternatives. **NSHA's website is [nationalsafehavenalliance.org](https://nationalsafehavenalliance.org).**

### What information must I provide when I surrender my baby?

You are not required to provide any information when you surrender your baby. However, it is encouraged that you provide as much information as possible to ensure the baby's health and safety. Helpful information to provide includes:

- The date and time of the birth
- Any pregnancy or delivery complications
- Any known health concerns for the baby, yourself, or the father/mother
- If your baby has Indian tribal affiliation, the name of the tribe
- Any other important information about your baby's medical, social, and family history

### What if I decide later that I want to get my baby back?

It is important that you immediately contact DHHS to discuss regaining custody of your baby by calling 1-800-652-1999. Depending on the case status, DHHS will work with you on your options.