

Safely Surrendered Baby Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Safely Surrendered Baby law?

A: The Safely Surrendered Baby law allows a parent to surrender a baby 72 hours or younger. It is confidential and the parent cannot be prosecuted for child abandonment. The parent may reclaim the child within 14 days of the date of surrender.

Q: How does safe surrender work?

A: When the parent(s) surrenders the child at a designated safe surrender site, they will receive a coded bracelet matching one given to the infant in case they choose to exercise the right to reclaim. The parent(s) will also be asked to fill out an optional confidential medical history form to be placed in the infants file.

Q: Is my agency a Safe Surrender Site?

A: All hospitals, public and private, are safe surrender sites. Many fire stations are also sites if they have received the appropriate approvals. Other types of organizations and agencies can also be safe surrender sites if they receive approval.

Q: How can I find a Safe Surrender Site near me?

A: Visit the following website and enter your zip code to find safe surrender sites in your area:
<https://www.211la.org/safely-surrender-baby>

Q: How can my agency become a Safe Surrender Site?

A: To become a Safe Surrender Site, your agency must receive approval from the board of supervisors of a county and by a local fire agency (in the case of a fire station becoming a Safe Surrender Site).

Q: Where can I find the most recent data about Safely Surrendered Baby?

A: Visit <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/OCAP/Safely-Surrendered-Baby/Data> for current data regarding the program.