

SAFE HAVEN LAW

in Washington State



Safe Babies Safe Place
Safe Haven

Refugio Seguro

SOLO CUANDO EL PERSONAL ESTA PRESENTE
1-800-510-2229

Parents in Washington who are unable to care for their newborn may anonymously transfer their unharmed baby within 72 hours of birth to a qualified person at a designated drop-off location. No criminal charges will be filed for surrendering a baby under this law. Parents do not have to provide any identifying information.

**Call or text the 24/7 Hotline:
1-888-510-BABY(2229) for
immediate support. In case
of emergency, call 911.**

Designated drop-off locations

Parents can transfer their unharmed newborns with an on-duty staff member at one of the following locations during open hours:

1. **Any hospital in Washington** – Emergency departments are open 24/7 and are the safest drop-off option.
2. **A staffed fire station** – When the station is open.
3. **A staffed rural health clinic** – When the clinic is open.

**No questions
will be asked,
and no
identifying
information
is required.**



Revised Code of Washington 13.34.360 - Transfer of newborn to qualified person/Criminal liability/Notification to child protective services/Definitions.