



NO ONE EVER HAS TO ABANDON A BABY

For whatever reason, you may decide not to keep your newborn baby.

In Virginia, there are **safe places** where you can take your infant if the child is **less than 15 days old**. You can leave your baby with an employee at any hospital that provides emergency care or an attended emergency medical rescue squad.

If the baby shows no signs of abuse, no questions are asked. No paperwork is required and any information shared about the infant is voluntary. The process is **anonymous** to help spare the life of your baby. A trash can, restroom or roadside is no place to leave a newborn infant. That's why the **Virginia Safe Haven Law** exists.

Taking a baby to a safe place gives an unwanted newborn an opportunity for a better life. Adoption is also a possibility for giving a baby a new start.

You can get counseling or learn about the closest safe haven by calling 1-888-510-BABY.



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1-800-552-7096 Virginia Child Abuse Hotline (language line available)

800-Children (800-244-5373) Parent Helpline