



STATE OF WASHINGTON

From: The Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Department of Health, and the Washington State Hospital Association

To: All Safe Haven locations in Washington state -- hospitals, staffed fire stations, and rural health clinics

Date: September 8, 2023

Subject: All Safe Haven locations in Washington requested to update signs

Safe Haven 24-hour Hotline has a new number: 1-888-510-2229

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Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and Washington State Hospital Association want to share the correct 24-hour Safe Haven Hotline.

Please read the important information below:

- **Correct Hotline (call or text):** The correct Safe Haven Hotline number is: **1-888-510-2229**. All designated drop-off locations in the state are requested to update or replace any signs posted at their facility or website. Mounting a Safe Haven sign with accurate information, including the phone number, could save the life of a vulnerable newborn. You can order new signs through the [National Safe Haven Alliance](#).
- **Limited availability for free Safe Haven signs for locations with financial need:** We are committed to better supporting the health of all Washingtonians. If replacing the sign is a financial hardship for your organization, DOH has limited funding to purchase and mail the signs to you. Organizations with a financial need can complete the [Safe Haven Signage Request Form \(wa.gov\)](#).
- **Share information with partners:** Please share this critical change with your community partners.

Under Safe Haven law, parents in Washington may anonymously transfer their unharmed infant within 72 hours of birth to a qualified person at a designated drop-off location without being subject to criminal liability. The parent is not required to provide any identifying information to transfer the newborn. Call or text the 24/7 Hotline: 1-888-510-BABY(2229) for immediate assistance. In case of emergency, call 911.

Designated drop-off locations

Parents must leave their infant with an on-duty staff member (also known as a qualified person) during a designated location's hours of operation or when it is open. They can transfer their unharmed baby to a qualified person at three types of locations where they won't be held criminally liable.

- **Any hospital in the state of Washington** -- the emergency department of a hospital is open 24 hours a day and is the safest drop-off location.
- **A staffed fire station** when open.
- **A staffed rural health clinic** when open.

Order Safe Haven Signage and Supplies

- [Signage](#) (National Safe Haven Alliance)
- [Safe Haven Request Form](#) for locations with a financial need (limited availability).
- [Information card](#) (PDF)
- [Pregnancy Resources](#) (PDF)

Legislation

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

Questions or requests for more information

Please email WASafeHaven@doh.wa.gov or the Department of Youth, Children, and Families at dcyf.communications@dcyf.wa.gov.