

***No Shame.
No Blame.
No Names.***



***Now there's a way to safely
relinquish your unharmed
newborn.***

**Illinois' Abandoned Newborn
Infant Protection Act**

**For help now,
call 888-510-BABY**



Illinois Department of
DCFS
Children & Family Services
www.DCFS.illinois.gov

If you or someone you know is pregnant and desperate, don't panic. Help is available.

An unwanted pregnancy can be a traumatic experience. You may have overwhelming feelings of isolation, fear, or shame that could lead to irrational thoughts or acts, such as unsafely abandoning your baby.

Where are Safe Havens?

In Illinois, these safe places for newborns are:

- Staffed fire stations
- Staffed police stations
- Hospitals
- Emergency care facilities
- Campus police stations

What does the law do?

The law saves babies from unsafe abandonment. It says that parents who do not harm their baby cannot be prosecuted if they hand their baby, up to 30 days old, to personnel at a Safe Haven. It gives a desperate parent a responsible alternative.

What happens at a Safe Haven?

Newborns can be brought to any hospital, emergency care facility, staffed police station or staffed fire station—no questions asked. A packet of information is offered to the parent. The baby is taken to a hospital for a check up, then placed with a pre-approved adoptive family.

Parental rights

Biological parents should be aware that they are voluntarily terminating their parental rights, which makes the infant available for immediate adoption.

www.SaveAbandonedBabies.org