

**no shame.
no blame.
no names.**

**now there's a way to
safely surrender your baby**



The Safely Surrendered Baby Law A Confidential Safe Haven For Newborns

In California, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows an individual to give up an unwanted infant without fear of arrest or prosecution for abandonment. The law does not require that names be given when the baby is surrendered. Parents are permitted to bring a baby within 3 days of birth to any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven in California. The baby will be placed in a foster or pre-adoptive home.



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