

Where to go in crisis?

Memphis and Shelby County Area Hospitals and Designated Safe Havens

Hospitals*

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Collierville
(901) 861-9000

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis
(901) 226-5000

Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women
(901) 227-9000

Delta Medical Center
(901) 369-8100

Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center
(901) 287-5437

Methodist North Hospital
(901) 516-5200

Methodist South Hospital
(901) 516-3700

Methodist University Hospital
(901) 516-7000

The MED-Regional Medical Center at Memphis
& Birthcenter
(901) 545-7100

Saint Francis Hospital-Memphis
(901) 765-1000

Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett
(901) 820-7000

Cordova Minor Medical Center
(901) 758-6035

*This is not an all-inclusive list of designated Safe Havens as provided by the TCA.

Shelby County Health Department Clinics*

Main Office
(901) 544-7711

Raleigh
(901) 386-2060

Collierville
(901) 854-6775

Shelby Crossing Clinic
(901) 372-7581

Galloway
(901) 522-8268

Southland Mall Clinic
(901) 346-0081

Millington
(901) 873-4433

The MED Health Loop Clinics*

American Way
(901) 515-5000

Hollywood—North
Memphis
(901) 515-5500

Bisson—Whitehaven
(901) 515-5100

Mid-South
(901) 515-5600

Cawthon—Orange
Mound
(901) 515-5200

South Memphis
(901) 515-5700

Frayser
(901) 515-5300

South Third Street
(901) 515-5800

Guthrie—North Memphis
(901) 515-5400

Wellington—Downtown
(901) 515-5900

Pregnancy Crisis Centers **

Birthright
- Alexander St.
(901) 327-8109

Life Choices
-Raleigh/Bartlett area
(901) 388-6262

Birthright
-Frayser Ave.
(901) 353-2828

Mid-South Christian
Services (Bethany
Christian Services)
-Brookfield Rd.
(901) 818-9996

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Pregnant?

Don't Panic

Call the Helpline (877) 768-3473



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All calls are anonymous
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Don't harm your baby... There is an alternative to unsafe abandonment!

From Sheriff Mark Luttrell's Desk...



Tennessee's Safe Haven Law was passed on July 1, 2001, after two Blount County women were devastated by the discovery of a newborn girl that had been found abandoned in a shed. This child was not found in time and died of severe dehydration.

Unfortunately, even though the law passed several years ago, Shelby County has recently faced the illegal abandonment of newborns. The Sheriff's Office hopes to change that with this awareness initiative. Tennessee's Safe Haven Law provides that a newborn that is 72 hours old or less may be left at a designated medical or emergency facility (outlined in T.C.A. Section 68-11-255), no questions asked. The newborn must be unharmed and brought in by the mother. The law grants complete anonymity to the mother of the child and promises that she will not be prosecuted as long as the child is less than 72 hours old and is unharmed.

We are asking residents in Shelby County to help save the lives of young children by supporting this initiative and making the public more knowledgeable about the Tennessee Safe Haven Law.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Sheriff



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There is a safe place for you to bring your infant.

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What are "Safe Havens"?

Safe Havens are facilities (hospitals, emergency medical clinics, and walk-in clinics) that by Tennessee state law will accept unwanted newborns.

What is considered a newborn?

A baby less than 72 hours old or less.

What happens when I bring my newborn baby to a Safe Haven?

When you have voluntarily given your baby to a health care worker, the baby will be examined and admitted. You may be asked to give a medical history for the benefit of the newborn but this is not required. Once the baby is given medical clearance, he/she will be released from the hospital into the care of the Department of Children's Services.

Can someone else bring my baby for me?

No. You must bring your baby to a Safe Haven so that health care workers will know that this was your decision and that the baby was not kidnapped or you were not pressured to give up your baby.

Will someone know if I call the hotline?

No. All calls to the Shelby County Safe Haven Hotline are completely confidential and are not recorded or traced by caller id.

Will someone find out I have left my baby at a Safe Haven?

No one will know that you have brought your baby to a Safe Haven.

What will happen to me?

If the baby is unharmed, you are free to leave and no one will know.

What happens if I change my mind and want to reclaim my baby?

You have parental rights to reclaim your child. You may contact the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to inquire about this process. It is best to do so within **30** days of surrendering your child. You may be given an informational packet or some identification materials at some locations that will expedite this process. It will be best for you to be able to tell DCS when and where you surrendered your child.

From District Attorney Bill Gibbons...



"The death or injury of a newborn child is terribly disturbing—but it could be prevented. Tennessee's 'Safe Haven' law gives parents a way out that will save their newborn baby's life without risk of prosecution. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office Safe Haven Awareness Initiative will save innocent lives and I encourage the community to support it."

Sincerely,

William L. Gibbons
District Attorney



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