



Why are Safe Haven Baby Boxes Needed?

Reports of infant abandonment and death of infants from abandonment throughout the country continue even with the establishment of the Safe Haven Law in every state for the past 10 to 20 years. Many Mothers-In-Crisis want and need anonymity when surrendering an infant, due either to fear of recognition, the stigma associated with surrendering a child, or fear of prosecution due to ignorance and/or misunderstanding of the Safe Haven law.

About the SHBB Program

Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.'s (SHBB's) mission is to prevent illegal abandonment of newborns by raising awareness, offering a 24-hour hotline for Mothers-In-Crisis and offering a last resort surrender option for women.

The SHBB program works by:

1. Installing baby boxes in designated communities
2. Educating the community on the Safe Haven law
3. Engaging Mothers-In-Crisis through the National Safe Haven Crisis Hotline



What is a SHBB Baby Box?

A Baby Box is a safety device provided for under a state's Safe Haven Law and legally permits a parent in crisis who is unable to care for a newborn to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender without fear of prosecution. It is installed in an exterior wall of a designated fire station or hospital. The Baby Box has an exterior door that automatically locks upon placement of a newborn inside, and an interior door which allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building.

How does the Baby Box work?

1. Parent opens the door to the baby box, a silent alarm is triggered, and a call goes to 911.
2. Parent places the baby in the bassinet. A sensor is located on the inside of the box that triggers a second 911 call.
3. Parent can push a button or simply close the door, setting off a third alarm that calls 911 and locks the exterior door.
4. Emergency personnel retrieves the baby from the inside, evaluates, and takes the baby to the hospital.



Is it Safe?

The Safe Haven Baby Box provides a temperature controlled environment. The door is sealed to ensure air circulation is free from pollutants, exhaust, chemical fumes, and smoke. It has a clear medical bassinet that sits in a supporting frame with a bassinet mattress and bassinet mattress sheet that fits snugly on a mattress.

Alarm:

The alarm system is set up to ensure safety and quick response with 3 alarm notifications/ triggers.

- **Alarm 1:** occurs when the external door opens
- **Alarm 2:** occurs 30 seconds after sensor detects the infant is placed in the bassinet, a blue light is activated inside the facility making the alarm visual to emergency personnel inside the facility
- **Alarm 3:** occurs when the mother pushes the button on the inside door or the door is closed. This stage causes the exterior door to lock.

The SHBB Program Includes:

- National Safe Haven Crisis Hotline available 24/7
- Counseling to parents in crisis considering a surrender
- Counseling to parents in crisis after a surrender
- Training for all first responders
- Safe Haven education in schools
- Legal assistance to protect a parent's rights with a Safe Haven surrender
- Marketing and promotion of Safe Haven awareness and the SHBB programs



How You Can Help

- Follow us and share on social media sites.
- Host a fundraiser. This provides community awareness and enables SHBB to support more women and families in crisis.
- Arrange to have a SHBB representative speak at schools or other local community events.
- Encourage local organizations to support a Safe Haven Baby Box in your community.

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