

Iowa's Safe Haven Law

When an infant is born and the birth parents choose not to raise the baby, and do not choose to place the baby for adoption, there is another *confidential* option. That parent, or someone with that parent's authority, can find the Safe Haven location near them and simply leave the infant there. Allen Hospital's Emergency entrance is a Safe Haven location. Most hospitals in Iowa are as well. Infants up to 30 days of age can be safely left at one of these locations, confidentially and with no threat of legal charges as long as the infant is unharmed. The yellow symbol here, is the identifying logo for Safe Haven locations.

