

Safe Haven Act

Definition: Under Idaho law, a mother or her designee may safely relinquish care and custody of a newborn child under the age of 30 days to medical personnel, including EMS providers. The mother may retain anonymity, but may volunteer medical or other information. Mothers using Safe Haven will not be prosecuted for child abandonment. This protocol refers to any abandoned infant.

Clinical Presentation: It may be difficult to determine age of infant; this protocol should be used for any abandoned infant. The infant may have symptoms of hypothermia, hypoglycemia, and dehydration.

Basic Life Support

BLS

1. Refer to **Pediatric General Assessment** guideline
2. Obtain vital signs
3. Assure newborn is warm and dry
4. Assess and maintain airway patency, administer 10-15 lpm of O₂ via NRB
 - a. If respirations are ineffective, begin BVM ventilations with 100% O₂
 - b. Suction airway as needed
5. Check glucose (refer to **Blood Glucometry** guideline**)
 - a. Refer to **Hypoglycemia** guideline as indicated
6. Refer to **Assessment of the Neonate** protocol as needed
7. Transport for medical evaluation

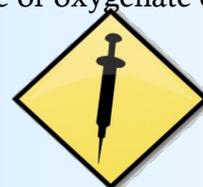


Special Care

Advanced Life Support

ALS

1. Follow BLS procedures
2. Place patient on cardiorespiratory monitor and continuous pulse oximeter
3. Continue airway maintenance
 - a. Consider intubation if unable to adequately ventilate or oxygenate child
4. Assess for signs of shock and obtain IV/IO if necessary
 - a. Give NS or LR 10 mL/kg
 - b. Give D10W, if glucose <60 mg/dL
5. Transport for medical evaluation.



Key Points/Considerations

1. Offer mother medical care and treatment.
2. Acrocyanosis may be normal in the infant.
3. Determine if parent is requesting *Safe Haven* and expresses an intent not to reclaim the child.
4. If law enforcement is not en route or present at scene, notify dispatch to send law enforcement to place child in protective custody.
5. Per *Safe Haven* law (IDAPA...), do not ask for identity of the parent and, if known, keep confidential.
 - a. You may ask if they wish to provide medical or other information about the baby.
 - b. If transporting the child to a hospital, report any voluntary information to the hospital personnel
6. For additional information:
 - a. Call the **Idaho CareLine** at 211 or 1-800-926-2588, or
 - b. Log onto www.idahoems.org, click the 'Safe Haven' link on the left-hand side

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Medication/Treatments Table

Medication	Dose	Route	Max Dose	Authorizing Method
D10W	2ml/kg	IV/IO	Call for repeated doses	
Oral Glucose D5W	30 mL	PO	Call for repeated doses	