

PEDIATRIC

IDAHO EMS GUIDELINE



SAFE HAVEN

1. The Idaho *Safe Haven* Act is intended to provide a safe alternative for parents who otherwise might abandon their infant. Parents can remain anonymous, but may volunteer medical or other information. Parents using *Safe Haven* will not be prosecuted for child abandonment.
2. Emergency medical personnel may respond to a 911 call requesting *Safe Haven* or be presented with an **infant under 30 days old** at a Transport or Non-Transport EMS agency.
3. When contacted by a custodial parent with a request for *Safe Haven*, proceed with the following steps:
 - Determine if parent is requesting *Safe Haven* and expresses an intent not to reclaim the child.
 - Provide aid to protect and preserve the physical health and safety of the child.
 - If law enforcement is not en route or present at scene, notify dispatch to send law enforcement to place child in protective custody.
 - Do not ask for identity of the parent and, if known, keep confidential.
 - Accept voluntary information given by the parent regarding the health history of the parent or the child.
 - Transport child to hospital in a child safety seat.
 - Report any voluntary information to the hospital personnel while keeping the identity of parent and child confidential, if known.
 - Record encounter on *Patient Care Report* or run report and document type of call as “Other” with *Safe Haven* listed on the line below “Other”.
 - More information may be requested from the **Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588**

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