

SAFE SURRENDER OF A NEWBORN

Policy Code: **4024**

Students in grades nine through twelve will be provided information each school year about the safe surrender provisions of NC law. Under the law, a parent may voluntarily surrender an infant up to seven days old, without disclosing their identity, to the following persons:

1. A health care provider on duty at a hospital, health department, or nonprofit health center.
2. A law enforcement officer on duty at a local police station or sheriff's department.
3. A social worker on duty at a local department of social services.
4. A certified emergency medical worker on duty at a fire or emergency medical services station.

The parent may be asked questions about his/her infant, but is under no obligation to answer any questions.

Legal References: N.C.G.S. 14-322.3, N.C.G.S. 7B-500(b) and (d)

Cross References: Counseling Program (policy 4030), Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students (policy 4023)

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