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The Safe Haven Act of Massachusetts

The Safe Haven Act of Massachusetts (2004) allows a parent to legally surrender newborn infants 7 days old or younger at a hospital, police station, or manned fire station without facing criminal prosecution. The Safe Haven Act is an amendment to Chapter 119 of the Massachusetts General Laws, section 39.5. The law went into effect on October 29, 2004.

1. If one or more of the parents is available:
 - o Thank them for bringing the infant to a safe place.
 - o Ask if they would be willing to provide any information that would assist in planning for the future care of the child. Inform them that situations often arise, or children have questions as they grow older, that only they as parents can address. You are required to encourage the parent to provide the information but the parent shall not be required to provide such information. The person accepting a newborn infant at a designated facility shall make every effort to solicit the following information from the parent placing the newborn infant:
 - a. the name of the newborn infant
 - b. the name and address of the parent placing the newborn infant
 - c. the location of the newborn infant's birthplace
 - d. information relative to the newborn infant's medical history
 - e. his or her biological family's medical history
 - f. any other information that might reasonably assist the department in determining the best interest of the child, including whether the parent plans on returning to seek future custody of the child.