



# CALIFORNIA

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## STATUTE: CAL HEALTH & SAF CODE § 1255.7

### DETAILS

#### **What are the age restrictions?**

The infant must be three (3) days old (72 hours) or younger.

#### **Who can relinquish the infant?**

The unharmed newborn may be anonymously relinquished by the parent of the child who does not intend to return for the child.

#### **Who are California Safe Haven Providers?**

- Any on-duty staff member at a:
  - Hospital
  - Fire Station
  - Ambulance Station/EMS Provider

#### **Is there anything else I need to know?**

- Infant must be directly handed to provider.
  - Provider ensure that a coded, confidential ankle bracelet is placed on the infant by a qualified person, make reasonable efforts to give a copy of the confidential bracelet code of the infant to its parent or any other individual surrendering the infant. This is to facilitate reclaiming the infant if any petition has not been filed by the Child Protective Services or county agency. However, possession of identification code itself does not establish parentage or right to physical custody of infant.
  - Notify Law Enforcement within 24 hours and Child Protective Services or concerned county agency providing child welfare services within 48 hours of taking possession of infant.
  - A parent may request to reclaim the infant within 14 days.
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