

RULES
OF
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 290-1-9
SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS ACT SIGNAGE

Rule 290-1-9-.01 Standards for Size and Types of Signs

(1) A medical facility, fire station, or police station that accepts newborn children pursuant to the Safe Place for Newborns Act shall inform the public that such facility is an authorized location to leave a newborn child by posting a sign within or outside of such facility.

(2) The size of such sign must be at least 11 x 17 inches. The sign must have a white background displaying the Safe Place for Newborns logo ~~designed~~approved by the Department of Human Services and the following message in black letters:

~~SAFE HAVEN SITE~~PLACE TO LEAVE YOUR NEWBORN
~~UNDER THE GEORGIA SAFE PLACE FOR THIS IS A SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS ACT~~
~~LOCATION~~
~~YOU MUST GIVE YOUR NEWBORN TO STAFF~~If you are in crisis and feel you need to leave
your newborn in the care and custody of the state, please find a staff member to assist
you. The Georgia Safe Place for Newborns Act allows a child's mother to leave her baby,
up to 30 days old, with an employee of this facility.
You may remain anonymous.

(3) A sign posted outside of a facility must be weather-resistant and placed in a visible location near the entrance of the facility, such as near a door, window, or walkway to the entrance. A sign posted inside a facility must be placed in an area used by the public, such as a waiting room or restroom.

(4) Standard templates of signs and the Safe Place for Newborns logo for use by facilities are available from the Department of Human Services' website at <http://dhs.georgia.gov>.

(5) Safe Place for Newborns signs that comply with previous versions of this rule may continue to be used by facilities.

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