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Did you know - Safe Infants

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Did You Know?

The Kentucky Safe Infants Act allows parents to anonymously leave babies younger than three days old (72 hours) who have not been abused or neglected at one of the following safe places without being criminally prosecuted:

1. A hospital emergency room staff person
2. An officer at a police station
3. A firefighter at a fire station
4. An emergency medical services provider

The SSW does not place the parent's identity on the petitions or other legal documents, including the case plan, CQA or case file.

If the parent does not contact DCBS within 30 days after leaving the baby in a safe place, DCBS will begin the process of terminating their parental rights and finalizing the adoption.

Please contact the Child Protection Branch to request a poster or brochures for your local offices or community agencies. These items are also available in Spanish.

Please see SOP 4.21: Safe Infants Act

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