

Safely Surrendered Baby Program

I. PURPOSE

- A. This policy identifies the local resources and training materials to be used to support Contra Costa County's Safely Surrendered Baby Program. California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law (SB1368) requires all California Emergency Departments and designated sites, such as fire stations, to accept safely surrendered infants.
- B. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law (SB1368) was created to encourage parents who might otherwise abandon their infants in unsafe places to bring their newborns to a safe place without fear of legal consequences. The law creates legal immunity from criminal liability for child abandonment so long as the child is voluntarily surrendered by a parent or person with legal custody at a designated "Safely Surrendered Site."

II. POLICY

- A. All EMS personnel will be trained in the roles and responsibilities of the Contra Costa County Safely Surrendered Baby Program using the standardized county-wide training.
 - 1. The standardized curriculum supports Fire-EMS, Emergency Department and Labor and Delivery personnel in the proper intake and notification procedures during a Safe Surrender.
- B. Designated Safely Surrender Sites will have appropriate signage and a reliable process to store and replace newborn safe surrender kits.

