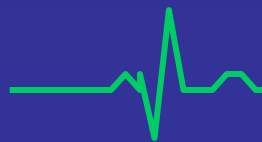


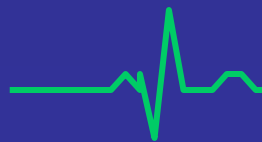
El Dorado County Safe Surrender Program



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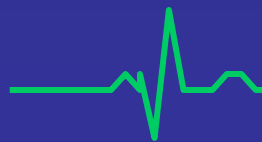
Objectives

- **Purpose of the safe surrender program**
- **Components of the safe surrender kits**
- **How to care for the surrendered newborn and what information to give the parent**
- **Location of Surrender Sites**



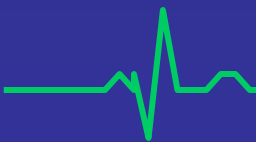
Purpose of the Safe Surrender Program

- The purpose of the safe surrender program is to provide persons a place to surrender a minor child less than 72 hours old to a designated facility without fear of prosecution.



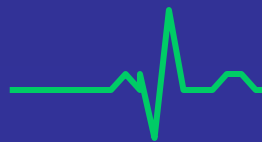
Components of the Safe Surrender Kits

- **Procedure and Policy for accepting a newborn infant.**
- **Coded ankle bracelets for newborn.**
- **Materials for person(s) surrendering newborn consisting of:**
 - **Postage paid envelope (pre-addressed)**
 - **Newborn medical questionnaire (English/Spanish).**
 - **Fact sheet for person(s) surrendering infant.**
 - **Coded wrist identification bracelet for person surrendering infant.**



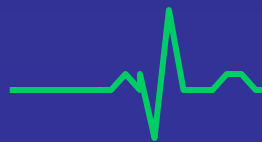
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1. When an infant is surrendered to a fire station, the personnel shall notify their dispatch center of the situation.
2. The dispatch center will send the closest paramedic transport unit, which will likely be the paramedic unit housed at that station



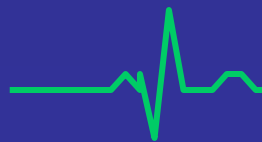
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3. Fire station personnel will assess the newborn and treat as needed.
4. Initiate a patient care report.



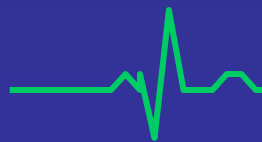
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5. **Open the Newborn Safe Surrender Kit, (available at the fire station).**
6. **Place a confidential coded bracelet on the infant's ankle and wrist. (Record this number on the PCR).**



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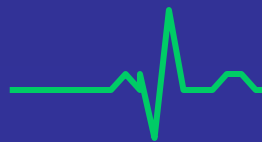
7. Provide the surrendering party the inner business reply mail envelope. This contains the Safe Haven medical questionnaire (English and Spanish version), an information sheet and a matching coded, confidential bracelet.



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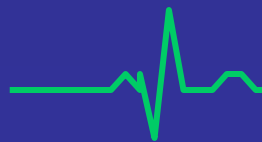
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Advise the surrendering party that provided that there has been no abuse or neglect, the parent may reclaim the infant within 14 days, by taking the bracelet back to the hospital. Hospital personnel will provide information about the baby.



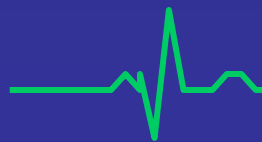
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8. Upon arrival of the transport paramedic unit, the fire station personnel will provide a copy of the written report and a verbal report of the infants' care and status.
9. If the infant appears to be greater than 72 hours old, abused or neglected, accept the infant and provide medical treatment as necessary. Advise dispatch of situation.



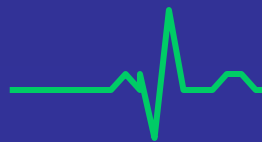
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- 10. The paramedic transport unit will initiate Base Station contact and begin transport to the closest appropriate hospital emergency department.**
- 11. The paramedic transport unit will continue care and treat the infant as needed.**



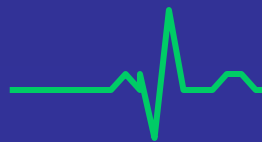
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- 12. The paramedic transport unit will complete a PCR and record the confidential coded ankle bracelet number.**
- 13. The paramedic transport unit will complete a Confidential EMS Event Analysis Form and submit it to the EMS Medical Director within 24 hours.**



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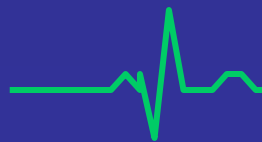
14. Receiving hospital personnel will make verbal and written notification to the El Dorado County Department of Child Protective Services.



Common Newborn Problems

Airway Problems

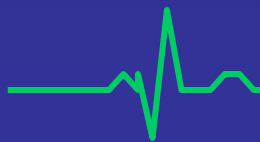
- Always check for meconium staining.
- Be prepared to support ventilations if necessary.
- If meconium is in the oropharynx, use meconium aspirator procedure and prepare to intubate.
- Blow by O₂, BVM ventilation, or intubation as necessary.



Common Newborn Problems

Hypoglycemia

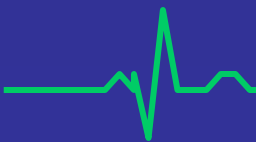
- Its very common for newborns less than 72 hours old to have low blood sugar secondary to malnutrition and or toxemia.
- Treat with D10 premixed or mixed per protocol for BS under 40mg/dl.



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Hypothermia

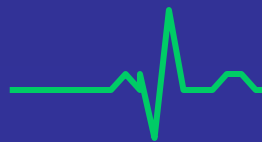
- Newborns are very susceptible to the elements secondary to their surface to volume ratio.
- Look for pale/cool skin, bradycardia, and irritability.
- Treat aggressively with warming measures and warm fluids if needed at 20cc/kg normal saline.



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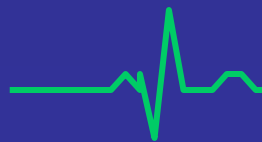
Some Good Questions To Ask

- Prenatal Care
- Time/Day Of Birth
- Location Of Birth
- Parental Hx Of Illnesses and or Drug/Alcohol Use



Safe Surrender Locations

- **South Lake Tahoe Stations 1,2,3**
- **Lake Valley Station 7**
- **El Dorado County Fire Stations
17,19,21,23,25,28,72,74**
- **El Dorado Hills Stations 84,85,86**
- **Rescue Station 83**
- **Garden Valley Station 51**
- **Georgetown Station 61**
- **Cameron Park Stations 88,89**
- **Latrobe Station 91**
- **Pioneer Station 38**



Conclusion

- Thank you to all the agencies participating in this program
- Please contact the EMS agency with any additional questions not covered in this presentation

