



DANIEL'S LAW

Daniel's Law is named for an infant boy who survived after being buried in a landfill soon after his birth. Nurses named him Daniel as he recovered at a hospital. Daniel's Law was enacted to prevent these kinds of dangerous and often fatal abandonments.

Under the law, instead of abandoning a baby up to 60 days old in dangerous circumstances, a person can surrender the unharmed newborn baby at a designated location. The individual can give the child a chance at a happy, healthy life with a loving family.

Those in crisis have a safe way to give their babies a loving family under Daniel's Law.

South Carolina Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Need to talk?

Aiken Pregnancy Care Center, Inc.
Aiken, SC **803-649-9890**

Anderson Pregnancy Center
Anderson, SC **864-231-0077**

Radiance Women's Center
Beaufort, SC **843-525-0300**

Birthright Of Charleston
Charleston, SC **843-556-4403**

**DAZZ Pregnancy
and Sexual Health Center**
Charleston, SC **843-225-3010**

LowCountry Pregnancy Center
Charleston, SC **843-553-3505**

Birthright of Columbia
Columbia, SC
803-765-0165 ~ 800-550-4900

Daybreak LifeCare Center
Columbia, SC **803-771-6634**

Carolina Family Planning Centers
Dillon, SC **843-616-6559**

Hope Women's Center
Easley, SC **864-855-8500**

**A Choice to Make Pregnancy
Center**
Florence, SC **843-669-4673**
(HOPE)
800-395-HELP (4357)

**Cherokee Pregnancy Center
(Options Medical)**
Gaffney, SC **864-489-9939**
24/7 Helpline **800-712-HELP (4357)**

Piedmont Women's Center
Greenville, SC
Grove Rd **864-233-3823**
Brushy Creek **864-244-1434**

**Pregnancy Center & Clinic
Of The Low Country**
Hilton Head Island, SC
843-689-2222

Pregnancy Care Center
Lancaster, SC **803-286-5900**

Birthright of Greenville
Greenville, SC **864-281-7677**

Foothills Care Pregnancy Center
Seneca, SC **864-882-8796**

Sumter Pregnancy Center
Sumter, SC **803-773-8858**
800-671-0681 24hr HotLine

The Advocacy Center
Sumter, SC **803-774-5600**

Union County Pregnancy Center
Union, SC **864-427-0447**

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**South Carolina Safe Haven
for Abandoned Babies Act**

Daniel's Law



You have options.



A decision to leave an infant with a “Safe Haven” is a very personal decision. But with the correct information, one may feel some comfort in making a decision that is believed to be in the child’s best interests.

The are many “Safe Havens” in South Carolina.

- All hospitals
- Police stations
- Fire stations
- Any place of worship (*when someone is there*)

www.dss.sc.gov



Daniel’s Law is intended to save babies. It is not intended to hurt or punish anyone. It provides a safe option for mother and baby.

Daniel’s Law contains several key components one should be aware of.

They are as follows:

- 1.** The law applies to infants up to **60 days old**.
- 2.** If the baby has been harmed in some way, the immunity from prosecution may not apply.
- 3.** A person who abandons a newborn **cannot be prosecuted** for abandonment if he or she takes the unharmed baby to staff or an employee of a Safe Haven. Safe Havens are defined as a hospital or outpatient facility, law enforcement agencies, fire stations, emergency medical services (EMS) stations, or a house of worship during the time the facility is staffed. The receiving “Safe Haven” will fill out a short form.
- 4.** DSS will have legal custody of the child and will place the child in a foster home.
- 5.** DSS will immediately pursue family court action to free the child for adoption.
- 6.** The hospital will provide medical care and contact DSS.
- 7.** The person leaving the child will be asked to provide medical information about the baby’s parents and, if possible, the name of the baby’s parents. This will help the medical personnel treat the baby for any health problems.
- 8.** The person leaving the child does not have to reveal their identity.
- 9.** If you are pregnant and confused or frightened about what to do with your baby, or if you know someone who is pregnant and in crisis—**there are people who can help**—the Department of Social Services, your local health department, and your local hospital.

