Four children die every day in the United States as a result of child abuse.

Three out of four of these victims are under the age of 4.

Newborns are at greatest risk during the first days of their life.

Safe Haven for Newborns Coalition of Greater Kansas City

A group of dedicated individuals and agencies in Kansas and Missouri who recognize the need to promote state Safe Haven laws through education, advocacy and collaboration.

OUR GOAL
Raising community awareness about Kansas and Missouri Safe Haven laws through comprehensive, coordinated, metro-wide promotion of Safe Havens as a child abuse prevention strategy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION DIAL 2-1-1 or (866) 320-5764

UNITED WAY 2-1-1 Get Help. Give Help.

DETAILS ABOUT THE LAWS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT www.mchc.net

To join us call
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BECAUSE NO ONE EVER HAS TO ABANDON A NEWBORN
**WHAT?**
A SAFE HAVEN IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABANDONMENT, CHILD ABUSE, OR MURDER.

**WHERE?**

**In Missouri:**
A newborn 5 days old or less may be left in the hands of staff on duty at hospitals, fire stations, ambulance stations and police stations.

**In Kansas:**
A newborn 45 days old or less may be left in the hands of any staff on duty at hospitals, fire stations and city or county health departments.

**WHO?**
Mostly women, they come from all education levels, ethnic backgrounds, and income levels.

They likely had no prenatal care.

They are likely not married and have no relationship with the father of the baby.

Their average age is 18 to 22.

**WHY?**
They may feel: isolated and alone, frightened, in denial, anger, guilt, panic, trapped, helpless, hopeless.

That abandonment is their only option to bring ultimate closure to a traumatic event.

Help spread the word to prevent this tragedy.