

## **Congratulations** on the birth of your new baby!

*The staff at Kaiser Permanente - Santa Rosa* understands how important your new arrival is to you. We're committed to providing a safe environment for you and your baby. To help ensure the safety of your infant, our Security Team has developed a program of simple precautionary measures we call **"Secure Baby"**.

The **"Secure Baby"** program includes the following features:

**Identification Banding.** You, your significant other, and your infant receive a unique set of matching ID bands before the baby leaves the delivery room. Your band is compared with your newborn's each time your baby is brought to you. Please don't remove your band until your baby arrives at home.

**Staff photo badges.** You'll easily identify Kaiser Permanente - Santa Rosa Maternity staff by their distinctive name badges, complete with photo. Your nurse will show you what these badges look like. *Only* staff with these special badges should be involved in handling your baby.

**A secure 24-hour newborn nursery and Newborn Intensive Care Unit.** These facilities provide a safe place where your baby will be cared for by hospital staff while you shower or sleep, or at any time you request.

**Secured nursery doors.** Only new mothers and significant others wearing matching infant ID bands are admitted into the nursery, which is kept locked at all times.

**Baby alarms.** If a baby is removed from the Maternity unit, an alarm will sound. Our staff is notified immediately of the identity and location of the infant.

**Monitored access control.** All persons entering the Maternity unit are screened by on-duty Security personnel.

### **"Secure Baby" Tips for Your Infants Hospital Stay**

While infant abductions are rare, you can help our staff keep your baby secure by following a few basic guidelines.

**Always check for the distinctive photo ID badge before giving your baby to anyone at the hospital.** Be sure to know exactly who is caring for or transporting your infant at all times.

**Get to know the hospital's maternity staff, especially the nurse assigned to you and your baby.** Ask for identification from everyone who comes into contact with your baby. If you ever feel uncomfortable with anyone you don't recognize, use your call button to summon your nurse.

**Always transport you baby around the hallways in the portable crib provided, not in your arms.** It's more difficult for a stranger to remove an infant from a crib than from a mothers arms.

**Don't leave your baby unattended.** If you decide to take a walk or shower, please advise your nurse so your baby can be secure in the nursery until you return to your room.

**Keep a close watch on your baby when he or she is out in the crib.** Infants can move around more than you might think, and they roll or fall easily. If you feel sleepy, plan to take a nap, or need to use the restroom, please place your baby in the crib. When your baby is in bed with you, maintain a visual or physical contact. Do not fall asleep while your baby is in bed with you. Be sure to call a nurse if you need assistance.

### **"Secure Baby" Tips For Home**

We want your baby's post-hospital experience to be as safe as his or her time was with us. Keep these security tips in mind as you and your infant begin your new life together.

1. Keep one or two color photographs of your baby (a face-front close-up) in a secure place at home, along with a detailed description including hair and eye color, length, weight, date of birth, and specific physical characteristics. Update the photo and description often as your baby grows.
2. Be careful with the information used in publishing your infant's birth, whether in the newspaper or online. Birth announcements should never include your home address, and should be limited to parent's first names only.

3. If you are receiving a home visit by hospital staff or Public Health, request information about the person making the visit, including the person's name and physical description. Don't allow anyone into your home without proper identification, even if he or she claims to be from the hospital. Our staff will always be glad to show you their hospital photo ID.

4. It's natural to want everyone to know your baby has come home. But outdoor decorations, such as balloons, floral wreaths, and signs, may attract unwanted attention. Announce baby's arrival privately to your family and friends with greeting cards or by e-mail.

*We offer these guidelines as a public service based upon our staff's extensive experience in maternity care and security. However, these best practices should not be construed to be advice that, if followed, guarantees infant safety.*

*Please ask your nurse if you have questions about hospital rules, regarding nursery procedures, visiting hours, or security measures.*

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