



***Safe Haven***  
Baby Boxes

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# Talking Points

## 1. Six Baby Boxes are currently in Ohio with more coming

- Funding provided by local businesses, churches and private donors
- Baby Boxes are located on the exterior wall of a safe haven location and every baby box calls 911 when the outside door is opened
- Ohio Dept of Health does not advertise the use of Newborn safety Incubators on their website along side other ways to surrender
- No firestation in America has someone present in the building 24/7. If there is a fire call, no one is staying behind.
- What is the \$500 registration fee used for that each location has to pay to do the program? Their names and addresses are not even listed as a safe haven anonymous drop off location on the Ohio.gov website
- Each location has to reregister every 3 years and pay another fee, what is that money used for?
- 90% of all anonymous surrenders happen in fire stations Baby Boxes
- How many dead newborns have been found in dumpsters and trash cans since 2018? With the state not advertising the anonymous safe haven drop, this may have impacted these numbers.

## 2. The Baby Box is a final resource for women in crisis to ensure a safe surrender of an infant

- SHBB's mission is to end infant abandonment by raising awareness of the Safe Haven law and by providing resources for a safe and legal surrender, including an anonymous surrender option with the Safe Haven Baby Box.
- The Safe Haven Baby Box organization staffs a 24-hour hotline (1-866-99BABY1) to give women the opportunity to talk to a trained professional as they consider options, including safely surrendering their baby.
- "We are protecting and promoting life. Some women want **complete anonymity** and this Safe Haven Baby Box provides that for them."
- Safe Haven Baby Boxes save lives. Since 2017, 21 babies have been surrendered inside Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Nationwide, 121 surrenders have resulted from calls to the Safe Haven Baby Boxes national hotline.
- Seven Baby Box surrenders have occurred so far this year

## 3. The Safe Haven Baby Box is a double-down on the Safe Haven Law.

- The law is invisible, and the Safe Haven Baby Box is a visual representation of the law. It's a crucial option for women in crisis.
- This Safe Haven Baby Box is an opportunity for a mother in crisis to give her baby a better future and a loving family while legally protecting her identity.