



SAFETY / SECURITY GUIDELINES

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) staff want your and your baby's stay with us to be as memorable and safe as possible. For this reason, we are providing you with an information sheet of safety tips called "What Parents Need to Know." This information will help you to identify those persons authorized to care for your baby and to know your responsibilities for safeguarding your baby.

1. NEVER allow anyone except MCH staff to handle or take your baby. MCH staff can be identified by the Carteret Health Care (CHC) ID badges they wear. Only MCH staff have an image of a baby located in the corner of their CHC ID badges. MCH staff will check your bracelets whenever you and your baby are separated and reunited.
2. Your baby will be placed in the hospital security system. A small disc on an ankle bracelet will be placed on your baby. If at any time your baby is removed from a secure area, an alarm will be activated, initiating our security policy. Please notify the staff if your baby's bracelet falls off or if you have concerns regarding your baby's bracelet. **DO NOT REMOVE YOUR BABY'S SECURITY BRACELET** or transport your baby out of the Brady Birthing Center.
3. Your baby will always be transported via bassinet by MCH staff or a caregiver wearing an identification band without stopping in halls, waiting areas, or other patient rooms. For your baby's safety, please do not walk in hallways with your baby in your arms.
4. At Carteret Health Care we encourage rooming-in with your baby to promote bonding.
5. Do not sleep with your baby in the bed or in a chair. This places the baby at risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and/or injury due to a fall.
6. Feel free to question anyone who comes into your room requesting to handle or take your baby. Alert the nurses' station if you have any doubt.
7. MCH is a locked unit to keep our babies safe. A video phone is provided for entry onto the unit. The video phone is located on the wall in the waiting room. Please follow our guidelines when attempting to gain entry into the unit – **DO NOT** let other visitors through the door; if we do not answer immediately, we are caring for your loved ones. Please be patient!

VISITOR POLICY

Fathers, grandparents, and siblings may visit maternity patients 24 hours per day with these considerations:

- a) Support persons are to be limited to **three (3)** during the delivery.
- b) Children under the age of **fifteen (15)** will not be allowed during the delivery.
- c) Siblings should not visit during active labor but are encouraged to visit after the delivery.
- d) Visitors in Labor & Delivery are to be limited to **four (4)** at other times.
- e) Visitors are to be directed to wait in the waiting room when not visiting the patient in her room, to ensure safety and protect other patients' privacy.
- f) To ensure patient confidentiality and privacy there will be absolutely **no loitering** in the hallway of the Labor & Delivery Area.
- g) No visitors with the following conditions will be permitted to visit:
 - Fever
 - Diarrhea





- Active colds or upper respiratory infections
 - Strep throat
 - Rash with history of illness
 - Children who have been exposed recently to a communicable disease
- h) Children under the age of **fifteen (15)**, who are not siblings of the newborn, will not be permitted to visit while the newborn is in the mother’s room.
- i) All visitors will be instructed to thoroughly wash their hands before handling an infant or infant care supplies.

LABOR PARTNER / GUEST ACCESS BADGE GUIDELINES

The person you have chosen to wear your infant’s matching ID band (i.e. your labor partner) may be given the opportunity to utilize a Labor & Delivery Unit Guest Access Badge for the duration of your labor and delivery of your newborn. Only this person may use the Guest Access Badge.

The Guest Access Badge is a privilege offered to labor partners ONLY.

The following rules apply to the use of the Guest Access Badge:

- ONLY the assigned user of the Guest Access Badge may enter the Labor & Delivery unit using the badge.
- The assigned user of the Guest Access Badge may, at no time, give the badge to ANY other person for use.
- The assigned user of the Guest Access Badge may NEVER use the badge to allow ANY other visitors onto the Labor & Delivery unit.
- Labor & Delivery staff must be notified immediately if persons enter the Labor & Delivery unit behind the Guest Access Badge holder as all other visitors must utilize the Video Phone for access to the unit.
- The assigned user of the Guest Access Badge is responsible for securing the badge while in use. Labor & Delivery staff must be notified immediately if this badge is lost. A \$10.00 fee will apply for lost badges.
- Use of the Guest Access Badge is a privilege and it will be deactivated, and must be surrendered, for failure to follow all visitation guidelines.
- The Guest Access Badge must be surrendered upon transfer to the Post-Partum unit.

I have read the above **Safety/Security Guidelines** and **Visitor Policy** and **Guest Access Badge Guidelines** my questions have been answered. I have been given safety tips **“What Parents Need to Know”**.

Mother’s Signature _____
Date

Witness Signature _____
Date

_____ Badge # _____
Badge Holder Signature _____
Date

