

What You Need to Know about Your Baby's Safety

Please tell the staff if you consider anyone, including family and friends, to be a threat to you or your baby during your stay in the hospital.

Ask about procedures, such as routine newborn care, identification, visitation, etc.

Know what to expect.

Parent(s) and baby will have identical identification bands attached after birth.

The staff will introduce themselves to you at the shift change.

The staff will state their name, position, and hours of assigned shift.

The staff will be wearing a Mimbres Memorial Hospital Family Birthing Center color photo identification badge. This badge should be worn so you can see it easily.

DO NOT GIVE your baby to anyone who is not wearing proper identification.

During your stay you may meet volunteers or student nurses. These people are part of our team but they are not authorized to take your baby from your room unless accompanied by an OB staff member who has an official identification badge.

Other members of our hospital team include Lab and Radiology personnel. If your baby needs testing, the OB staff will remove your baby from the room only after explaining the procedure, how long it will take and verifying the identity of the staff member who will be transporting your baby. If the baby has to leave your room, the staff will match you and your baby's identification bands upon return.

Once you and your baby return home, the use of outdoor decorations to announce the baby's birth, such as balloons, large floral wreaths, wooden storks, and other lawn arrangements is not recommended.

