Protecting your baby

St. Francis Medical Center is honored to share in the joy and excitement of welcoming a new addition to your family.

To ease any concerns you may have, our team is committed to ensuring your baby is safe during your stay with us. But, we need your help, as well. An educated and watchful parent is the best line of defense in infant security.

Once you are admitted to the hospital, your nurse will review our comprehensive infant security program with you and your spouse/partner/support person.

We encourage you to review these these nationally recognized guidelines for all birthing facilities and share guidelines and share with other friends and family members who may be visiting the hospital to celebrate your new arrival.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Become familiar with the hospital staff that work on the unit and in the nursery. Remember the nurse assigned to your baby.

Question unfamiliar persons entering your room or inquiring about your baby, even if they are in hospital attire. Alert the nurses' station immediately with any concerns or questions.

NEVER give your baby to anyone but your primary nurse. Question anyone who attempts to carry your baby out of your room.

Inquire where your baby will be taken for tests, how long the tests will take and who has authorized the tests.

NEVER leave your baby alone in your room.

When your baby is in your room, keep the bassinet beside your bed on the side furthest from the door.

Please do not carry your infant in the hallways. Always transport your infant in his/her bassinet.

Please share these infant security guidelines with your family and friends. While our policies are not meant to inconvenience your family or friends in any way, we ask that everyone abides by the guidelines and does their part to ensure the safety of your child is always a priority.

Reminder, pre-register to deliver at St. Francis Medical Center within the second trimester of your pregnancy. To pre-register, call (318) 966-3328.

