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An information guide



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Congratulations on the birth of your baby.

This leaflet is designed to inform you of the security measures taken to help keep you and your baby safe during your stay in the maternity unit.

What parents need to know:

1. Do not give your baby to anyone you do not know without first checking who they are. All staff should be wearing a Pennine Acute Hospital photo ID badge.
2. For your reassurance we put security tags on your baby from birth until you go home. An alarm will sound if your baby is taken out of the ward, if the tag falls off or if it is tampered with
3. Tests may need to be performed in departments other than the maternity unit. If you are uncomfortable with anyone who requests to take your baby, or unclear why testing is being performed or why baby is being taken from you, check with the senior midwife on duty. If your baby is going for tests, then you have the right to go too
4. Never leave your baby unattended. Always inform staff if you are leaving the unit for any reason

5. Familiarise yourself with the staff on the maternity unit. Be sure you know the midwife assigned to you and your infant
6. Question unfamiliar persons inquiring about your infant, even if they are wearing hospital uniform, and inform staff immediately
7. On the postnatal ward we encourage 'rooming in,' this means we do not remove babies from their mothers
8. When birth announcements are published in the newspaper, never include your home address. Limit information to parent's surname(s)
9. Following discharge, do not allow anyone into your home who says they are connected with the hospital without properly verified hospital identification
10. Be careful when letting anyone into your home who is just an acquaintance, especially if met briefly since you became pregnant. Family members when home should exercise a high degree of care
11. Think carefully what information you put on social media sites.

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