



Anonymous birth
(Anonyme Geburt) and
baby hatch (Babyklappe)
in Styria

**If you are pregnant and see no
way of living with your child, ...**

Kontaktstelle anonyme Geburt -
Babyklappe provides you with
information, counseling and support
under the free **hotline**

0800 83 83 83

Important Information:

Giving birth anonymously and **free of charge** is possible in these Styrian hospitals: Deutschlandsberg, Feldbach, Graz, Hartberg, Upper Styria (Leoben), Murtal (Judenburg), Rottenmann and Schladming.

Anonymous transport with an ambulance (emergency number 144) is possible as well.

If you can not or do not want to give birth anonymously, then the **baby hatch (Babyklappe)** is a safe place to give up your baby. The baby hatch (Babyklappe) is located on the outside of the wall of the birth clinic in **Graz** on **Auenbruggerplatz 18, 8010 Graz**.

Child services (Kinder und Jugendhilfe) takes responsibility for the child and hands it over to the loving care of the foster parents or adoptive parents to be, as soon as possible.

All children ask questions about their heritage

Please make sure to leave a personal note with your wishes for the child, you can also leave a small present. These gifts have a great meaning for the child later on and are helpful for their personal development.

How long do you have to change your decision?

If all the requirements are met, you can change your decision up until the legally binding implementation of the adoption and, if the guardianship court agrees, get the child back.

Also see: <https://www.gesundheit.gv.at/leben/eltern/geburt/geburtsvorbereitung/anonyme-geburt-babyklappe.html>

Other options:

- Adoption: open adoption, closed adoption
- Foster care
- Mother-child-facility (Mutter-Kind-Einrichtung)
- Living with the child in your own home with support from child services (Kinder- und Jugendhilfe)



You can find out more information about anonymous birth, baby hatch and all other support services at:

**Kontaktstelle Anonyme Geburt –
Babyklappe**

8010 Graz, Grabenstraße 39

Phone: 0676 88015-218 or -7167

Hotline (free of charge): 0800 83 83 83

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