

# Anonymous birth and baby hatch in Styria

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

Kontaktstelle anonyme Geburt -Babyklappe provides you with advice and counseling under

**0800 838383** (free of charge)

Important Information:

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

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

A baby hatch, is **a secure place**, where you can leave your baby at, if you cannot/will not use the possibility of giving birth anonymously. A baby hatch is located **at the outer wall of the maternity clinic in Graz, Auenbruggerplatz 18.** 

Child services takes responsibility for the child and hands it over to the loving care of the adoptive parents to be, as soon as possible.

#### All children ask about their heritage at some point:

Please make sure to leave a personal note with your wishes for the child, photos, keepsakes and small gifts of some kind can also be very important in the child's later life.

## How much time do you have to change your mind about leaving the child?

You can take your child back within 6 months of handing it over. In order to do so you must give up your anonymity and apply for parental rights for the child at court. Relevant information for this process will be provided to you by Kontaktstelle Anonyme Geburt - Babyklappe

#### Other options:

- Open adoption, semi-open adoption, closed adaption (inconito)
- A spot in a care familiy
- Mother-child-services
- Living with the child in your own home with supporting offers by child welfare

### More information about anonymous birth, baby hatch and all supporting offerings:

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