

Family Information Guide

Everything you
need to know

ABOUT BABY TAGGING



WHAT'S BABY TAGGING?

This information leaflet provides some important information about the Baby Tagging System (BTS) used in this hospital to safeguard your baby.

The BTS is a security system designed specifically to protect newborns. The system monitors the security status and whereabouts of your newborn at all times. It also prevents your newborn from being removed from the ward without prior permission from a member of the maternity team.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Your baby will wear a small, comfortable tag shortly after birth which will remain there until you and your baby are discharged. It will not hurt your baby.

If your baby approaches a closed exit without permission, the exit doors will lock so no one will be able to leave the ward until your baby is returned to you.

If your baby leaves through an open exit without prior permission, an alarm will sound and security staff will be alerted.



WHY IT MATTERS?

The system ensures that your newborn can only be removed from the ward with permission from the maternity team.

The system helps prevent infant abduction by locking exits and alerting staff immediately if a baby is brought near an exit point or is removed from the ward without prior permission.

The tag on your baby enables maternity staff to monitor your baby's location and security status continuously. This allows for a quick response to any unusual activity or movement.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

We know that having a baby is a busy time and we want to make this experience as easy as possible for you. To avoid triggering a false alarm, here are some tips for your stay with us:

1.

Ensure that you inform a member of staff if you plan to leave the ward.

2.

Do not attempt to remove the tag or strap, this may cause an alarm to sound.

3.

Ask questions! You are encouraged to ask staff about the process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the baby tag safe for my baby?

Yes, the baby tags use a very low-power radio signal of approximately 3 milliwatts. For comparison, a mobile phone can transmit up to 2-3 watts during a call, making it hundreds of times more powerful than the baby tag. The tags are specifically designed for safe, continuous use within maternity environments and are hypoallergenic.

Can anyone remove the baby tag?

The tag is tamper-proof and cannot be removed without triggering an alarm, but you can still bond with your baby.

**To find out more, please
contact a member of the
maternity staff.**