

ID Bands and the Rectangle Wrap

What to expect

What are the bands on my baby's legs?

Your baby has 3 ID bands:

- An **alarm band** on one leg. This band is used for security. It sets off an alarm if it gets near the doors to the Mother Baby Unit.
- A **blue “Zebra” band** on the other leg. This band has your baby's patient number.
- The **Baby ID band** is looped into the Zebra band. This band has a number that matches the number on the band you received after the birth.



Is my baby wrapped in a special way?

We swaddle babies using a *rectangle wrap* or a *wearable blanket*. These safe swaddles help us read the ID bands without disturbing your baby. See “Folding the Rectangle Wrap” on page 2.

What do I need to do?

- Please do **not** put your baby in a sleeper with feet while they are in the hospital. These sleepers do not let us read your baby's ID.
- Tell staff if one of the ID bands falls off. We will need to replace it right away.
- Do **not** remove the ID bands. If you can fit a fingertip under the edge of an ID band, it is loose enough. Bands are rarely too tight, and will get looser since all babies lose weight in their first days.
- **Never** try to adjust or remove the alarm band. It will send out an alarm that will lock the doors of the unit. If you think the band is too tight or too loose, ask the nurse or patient care technician to adjust it. They will put the tag “on hold” in the computer system while they work on it.



Many of our babies take part in the wearable blanket program while they are in hospital. Your nurse or PCT will talk with you about this program.

- When you walk in the hall, pushing your baby in the crib, please do **not** walk close to the unit exit doors. It may trigger an alarm.
- Before you go home, we will remove the bands and:
 - Give you the name tags.
 - Keep the alarm band, since it is connected with the hospital alarm system. After we remove the alarm band, it is sterilized and reused. Please make sure it does not go home with you.

Folding the Rectangle Wrap



Questions?

Your questions are important. If you have questions about your baby, please call your baby's primary care provider.

Now, please go back to the Table of Contents in this workbook and check the box so your nurses will know you have read this chapter.