

Board of Medicine

Guidance Document on Compliance with Law for Licensed Midwives

The following sections of the Code of Virginia have been identified as applicable to the practice of a licensed midwife. *The listing is not intended to be all-inclusive but should be regarded as a reference for the legal responsibilities of a midwife.* Each section is listed as an electronic link to the actual language in the Code. Every licensed midwife should familiarize herself with these and any other legal responsibilities relating to her care of an expectant mother and her newborn child.

Below the listing of Code sections may be found links and contact information that may be used for additional resources on compliance with law and regulation.

- § [32.1-49](#). Tuberculosis required to be reported.
- § [32.1-60](#). Prenatal tests required.
- § [32.1-61](#). Definition.
- § [32.1-62](#). Procedure upon infant's birth.
- § [32.1-63](#). Duty of physician, midwife or nurse noting ophthalmia neonatorum.
- § [32.1-64.1](#). Virginia Hearing Loss Identification and Monitoring System.
- § [32.1-65](#). Certain newborn screening required.
- § [32.1-66](#). Commissioner to notify physicians; reports to Commissioner.
- § [32.1-73](#). Failure to comply with provisions; grounds for revocation of license or permit.
- § [32.1-127.1:03](#). Health records privacy.
- § [32.1-134.01](#). Certain information required for maternity patients.
- § [32.1-257](#). Filing birth certificates; from whom required; signatures of parents.
- § [32.1-257.1](#). Parents to report social security account number at time of child's birth.
- § [32.1-264](#). Reports of fetal deaths; medical certification; investigation by medical examiner; confidentiality of information concerning abortions.

§ [32.1-285.1](#). Death of infants under eighteen months of age; autopsies required; definition of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

§ [54.1-2403.01](#). Routine component of prenatal care.

§ [54.1-2403.02](#). Prenatal education; cord blood banking.

§ [54.1-2403.1](#). Protocol for certain medical history screening required.

§ [63.2-1509](#). Requirement that certain injuries to children be reported by physicians, nurses, teachers, etc.; penalty for failure to report.

For additional information or guidance on compliance with law in Chapter 32.1 of the Code of Virginia, contact: Cornelia Deagle, VDH's Director of the Division of Child and Family Health, at cornelia.deagle@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7691.

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<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhlivewell/women/> and
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhlivewell/infants-children-and-teens/>.