

# Release of babies, children and adolescents from hospital wards

The 'Release of Babies, Children and Adolescents' form ensures the safety of our patients.

Identification is needed when your child leaves the ward or is discharged.

## On admission

Nursing staff will complete the form with you on admission to ensure the legal guardian details are accurate and that you understand the need for identification.

This is important to ensure your child is discharged to the care of the correct person/s and to ensure the security of your child when leaving the hospital ward for any periods of time.

## Leaving the ward for short periods

Before your child leaves the hospital ward/unit, nursing staff will check identification of the legal guardian and sign the patient out. You will also be asked about your approximate return time.

This is required for visits within the hospital too, such as visits to the Café, Play Deck or Starlight Express Room.

## On discharge

On discharge, nursing staff will check identification of the legal guardian and you will need to sign your child out.

By signing you are acknowledging that discharge information has been explained and you accept responsibility for your child.

## Types of identification

The following are acceptable forms of identification:

- > drivers licence
- > passport
- > Government service employee ID
- > Medicare card
- > Deed poll
- > Proof of Age card
- > Families SA Verification of a Child in Care card.



## For more information

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