To be with your baby at any time after you give birth.
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IN PUBLIC
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

To breastfeed your baby in any public or private place where you have a right to be.
This includes stores, day care centers, doctors’ offices, restaurants, parks, movie theaters and many other places.
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AT WORK
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

To pump breast milk for three years after you give birth.
To use your paid break or meal time, or take reasonable

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www.breastfeedingpartners.org
1-800-522-5006

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www.womenshealth.gov
1-800-994-9662

La Leche League International
www.llli.org
1-800-LALECHE (525-3243)

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS

If you feel your rights are being violated or you are being treated unfairly because you breastfeed your baby, contact:

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New York Civil Liberties Union
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New York, NY 10004
212-607-3339
www.nyclu.org/issues/rrp
rrp@nyclu.org
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- To ask for a private place to pump breast milk close to where you work. Your employer must try to find you one.
- Your employer cannot discriminate against you for choosing to breastfeed your baby or for pumping milk at work.

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