

Water Birth & Medical Malpractice: What Should You Know?

Water births are an increasingly popular childbirth method for American women. Although many believe water births offer certain benefits, medical negligence may cause a water birth injury. Here's what you should know.

→ What is water birth?

Water birth is a method of giving birth while immersed in water. Some mothers choose to stay immersed throughout the entire process, while others will labor in water and deliver their baby out of water.

→ Are there benefits associated with water birth?

Some OB/GYNs and midwives believe water births can reduce a mother's stress during labor, which in turn reduces the chance of fetal complications.

→ What risks are associated with water birth?

A number of risks are associated with this birthing method. Risks to the newborn include pneumonia, meconium aspiration, umbilical cord tears, and drowning. Mothers are also at risk for infections and perineal tearing.

→ Can medical negligence or malpractice cause water birth injuries?

Doctors, nurses, and midwives must act quickly if an infant is under severe distress from a lack of oxygen or other water birth complication. A failure to respond to fetal distress or properly monitor a water birth may be considered medical negligence or malpractice.



Talk To An Expert

Miller & Wagner can help you navigate your water birth lawsuit. Speak with an experienced birth injury lawyer in Portland to find out if you have a viable claim.

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