



Found Kittens What to do?!

Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

No

Yes

Are the kittens old enough to be separated from mom (minimum of 4 weeks old)?
[\(click here for picture guide to kitten ages\)](#)

Call
[HSHV's Animal Intake Dept](#) 734-661-3528
 After 5pm, [HSHV's Emergency Rescue](#) 734-661-3512

No

Yes

Do you see a nest or hiding spot?

Are the kittens friendly? (Do they approach you, allow you to pick them up, etc.)

Yes

Call [HSHV's Animal Intake Dept](#) 734-661-3528

Yes

No

Gently return kittens to the nest, if they aren't in it.

If in danger, move the kittens to a nearby "safe spot" under shrubs/bushes, away from any roads or high-foot-traffic areas.*

*It is a myth that mothers will not return to their babies if they've been handled by humans.

Contact [HSHV's Community Cat Coordinator](#) 734-661-3523

MOST OF THE TIME, MOM WILL RETURN
 wait 4-6 hours and keep an eye out from a distance (mom may not feel comfortable returning if you are in her line of sight)

If mom returns, and is friendly:
 Monitor and ensure food, water, shelter and [socialize](#) as kittens get older. [\(click here for socialization tips\)](#)
 Kittens are old enough to bring to HSHV when 4 weeks [\(click here for picture guide to kitten ages\)](#)
 If mom is not friendly:
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Mom does not return:
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