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PLANNED  
Home Birth**

Baby delivered at home or birth center by a midwife  
AS PLANNED  
after receiving prenatal care  
Babies had EQUAL outcomes compared to low-risk hospital births



**High-Risk  
ACCIDENTAL  
Home Birth**

Baby delivered out-of-hospital by a taxi driver, cop, firefighter, spouse, sibling, or no one  
BY ACCIDENT  
Possibly little or no prenatal care  
Babies had WORSE outcomes than hospital births

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