

# ERIN DUPREE

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Thank you for considering **Erin DuPree Photography** to capture the entrance of your child into this world. Understandably, **Birth Photography** is a delicate service that requires both knowledge and experience. **Erin DuPree** carries full liability coverage insurance and has attended births in many hospitals throughout the Seattle area. Below you will find an outline of the services you will be provided.



## 1. On Call Status

I will be On-Call 24/7 for your birth starting the 36th week of your pregnancy. Please make sure to keep me updated on your progress, so that I may ensure my timely arrival at your labor and birth. **Do not hesitate to contact me at any hour.** My ability to attend your birth is largely due to my amazing support system of family, friends, and neighbors, allowing me to quickly come to you. Early warning

allows me to alert my own support system. My equipment and personal items will be ready to leave from that point forward, and my phone(s) will always be charged and at hand to receive your calls or messages. My office phone number is provided at the bottom of this agreement, and my personal cell phone number will also be provided. **Should you need to deliver prematurely, please don't hesitate to call.** I will still do all in my power to arrive at the birth of your child.

## 2. Guaranteed Birth Coverage

In the unlikely event that I am unable to perform the agreed upon Birth Photography services, a Qualified substitute photographer will be called upon to perform the photography services. Any substitute photographer will be licensed, insured, and qualified to perform these services through experience and proof of a birth photography portfolio. If your birth happens to occur so quickly that I simply cannot make it in time, I will still be there to capture those first moments! You may also receive a Fresh 48 session in the hospital, or we will come up with another arrangement to ensure you feel satisfied with my services.



### 3. Attendance and Arrival

My arrival will be a mutual decision, based on multiple factors. Often, I will arrive once you are able to be admitted to your hospital or birthing center, but I will just as happily come to you while laboring at home. If you have a Doula in attendance (*I HIGHLY recommend hiring a doula!*), the two of us can be in contact during the beginning of your labor, and she can often be a great judge of when might be the best time for me to come along. After your baby has been safely delivered, I will only leave once baby has been weighed/measured and been introduced to any siblings or other immediate family members. This often means I am the last person in your birth team to leave, and that is quite normal! Those first photos are so precious, and important for your memory book.

### 4. Self Care At Your Birth

As you know, birth can be a long process. Rest assured that I will come fully prepared with my own water and snacks, as well as a pillow and blanket for brief periods of rest. Please do not worry about my comfort—your job is to bring that baby in to the world, and nothing else.

### 5. Cesarean Section Delivery

In the event that a C-Section is determined to be necessary, I will do my best to be in attendance of the birth, but please be aware that many hospitals do not allow more than 1 support person in the OR, or may simply prohibit any photography inside the OR. Rest assured, I will still be in the hospital, awaiting your and your baby's arrival to your recovery room to continue with your photography services as planned. Often, the decision on who is allowed inside the OR is made by the anesthesiologist.



### 6. Limitations of Services

**A.)** While Birth Photography has become quite common, some hospitals or providers may place restrictions on photography or videography while the actual moments of birth are occurring. Please make sure to let all providers know, upon admittance, that I will part of your Birth Team, and relay to me any restrictions they may have regarding photography or videography. There will likely be moments where I am required or asked to leave the room, but I will be close by in order to re-

enter as soon as possible. **B.)** I will do everything within my power, safely, to capture the photos you are desiring, but there is the possibility of simply being unable to capture from your preferred angle or perspective (as in, crowning while multiple providers are blocking view.) Birthing rooms can often be quite tiny! There may be multiple providers and people involved, which may also block my view of the birth. I will utilize my surroundings as best as possible, and will also have a small foldable step-stool to give me added height. **C.)** Additionally, the room where you are

laboring/delivering may at times be very dark, due to your personal requests, or needing to rest. With your permission, I may bring along battery operated tea-light candles to add a subtle warm glow, or even a string of white holiday lights. I do also bring a flash unit that can be turned to a LOW power, and pointed away from you or others, and 'bounced' off a wall or ceiling. Most of the time, however, all I need is to have the bathroom light on with the door cracked to let in a sliver of light.

### 7. My Presence

I will do my best to be a calm, quiet attendee of your labor and birth, so as not to disturb you, your family, or your providers. There may be times where you wish to be alone, for modesty, safety, or any other reason. In the event I am asked to leave, I will do so quietly and use that time to have a small break to eat a snack or check my equipment. Should you wish me to come back into the room, have someone near you bring me back in.

### 8. Gallery Delivery and Products

Birth photography usually results in a fairly large number of images, and requires a careful hand to prepare your images to be viewed and presented. Your images will be ready within 4 weeks of your birth at your Gallery Reveal appointment (*I come to you!*) You may select any album options (cover, design, etc) at that time, as well as any other special requests for fine art prints, re-touching, etc.

### 9. Your Privacy

As an artist, being able to share the images I create for you is how my business is able to grow and thrive. That being said, I am respectful of your wishes for privacy. Should I desire to share some of the images from your birth, I will only do so with your expressed permission, in addition to a signed Model Release Form. You may personally choose any images to be kept private, as well, and others to be released for sharing.

*My job is to safely provide you with tangible, lasting memories of the wondrous birth of your child. If you have any questions or concerns about the above outlined services, please don't hesitate to contact me.*



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