

YOU FOUND A BABY BUNNY RABBIT — WHAT TO DO

A rabbit nest is only a small depression in the ground, covered by fur and grass. If you find a nest, it's best to leave it alone. You are not likely to see the mother near the nest; she returns to nurse her babies only twice each day.

If you think the mother has been killed, place twigs (not yarn or string, which the bunnies can get tangled in) lightly atop the nest in the form of a tic-tac-toe. If the twigs have been disturbed by the next morning, the mother probably has visited during the night and fed them.

If you disturb a nest while mowing and the babies are not injured, put the bunnies back in the nest and cover them with their same nest material. It's a myth that if the young are touched, the mother won't return. Maternal instinct is a powerful instinct, and mother animals will do almost anything to protect their young.

Baby rabbits are independent at three weeks of age or about five inches long in a natural sitting position, and at this age, they do not need our help.

