Birth Bag Checklist



A 'birth bag' is for all births, as opposed to a hospital bag. It is a collection of what you will need wherever you plan to birth.

Birthing Mother	Birth Partner
○ Maternity notes	○ Snacks and drinks
○ Birth preferences	O Personal hygiene products
○ Toiletries	O Money/change for parking
O Nutritious snacks	○ Spare clothes
O Water bottle with straw, drinks	O Phone and charger
O Something to read, watch or listen to,	○ Sleeping items (pillow, blanket)
or a game to play – you may find	
distractions helpful in the early stages	Postnatal Essentials
O Positive affirmation cards	O Maternity pads
○ Hot water bottle	O Nursing bra
○ Eye mask	○ Breast pads
○ Headphones	O Plenty of big cotton pants
○ Flannels	○ Nipple cream
○ Birth comb	○ Front opening nightie or pyjamas
○ Essential oils/Room spray/Face spray	○ Slippers or flip flops
○ Massage oil	O Dressing gown
Battery operated candles	○ Comfy clothes
○ TENS machine	
○ Lip balm	Baby Essentials
○ Hair ties	○ Stash of nappies
○ PJs/Nightie/Bikini/T-shirt	○ Cotton wool pads
○ Change of clothes	○ Sleep suits with feet
O Relaxation audios and music playlist	○ Vests
O Phone and chargers	○ Hat
○ Camera and charger	O Muslin squares
○ Hand held fan	○ Blankets
○ Birthing ball	○ Car seat
○ Pillows	

Oh and dont forget these five essentials: Your VOICE, your KNOWLEDGE, your POWER, BREATHWORK tools and a supportive birth TEAM!