asking your employer about maternity leave

Now that word is out, it's time to talk to human resources. Bring these questions and take notes. Every company's different, and state laws differ, too.

What types of paid and unpaid leave are available?
While I am on maternity leave, is my job protected?
Will I be able to go on short-term disability?
How can I help get my department prepared for my leave?
Who will do my job while I am gone?
How will I transition back postbaby?