

Smoking Harms Infants and Children



Each time a pregnant woman smokes, her baby's heart rate increases.

When a pregnant woman smokes, her baby gets less oxygen.

The birth weight of babies born to smokers is lower than the birth weight of babies born to nonsmokers.

Smoking during pregnancy increases the chance of the baby being born dead.

Babies whose mothers smoke have a greater risk of dying from SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome).

Harmful chemicals from smoking pass through the placenta and directly into the baby's blood.

If the mother continues to smoke after the baby is born, the baby is more likely to get chest colds, ear infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, and asthma.

Babies exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to cry, sneeze, and cough than babies who are not.

Children who grow up in a home with smokers are more likely to become smokers.
