

Fact Sheet 10—Smoking and Pregnancy

Facts:

- 12.3% of women giving birth reported smoking during pregnancy.
- A pregnant woman who smokes is 1.5 to 3.5 times more likely than a nonsmoker to have a low birth weight (LBW) baby.
- Infants whose mothers smoked during pregnancy have 2.3 times the risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) than infants of nonsmoking pregnant mothers.
- Infants exposed to maternal smoking during pregnancy **and** after birth, have 3 times the risk of SIDS.
- Annually, an estimated 150,000 to 300,000 cases of lower respiratory infection in infants and children are attributable to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS).
- Most ETS exposure in infants and children is from maternal smoking.
- Smoking increases a woman's risk of ectopic pregnancy.
- Smoking increases a woman's risk of miscarriage.
- Infants of women who quit smoking by the first trimester have weight and body measurements comparable to infants of nonsmokers.