

## Smoking and Pregnancy



- Kentucky has the highest smoking rate in women.
- Kentucky has the second-highest smoking rate among pregnant women.
- Smoking prevalence is higher in the 18 to 34 age range.
- Cigarettes contain over 2,500 chemicals.
- Smoking during pregnancy doubles the chance of premature labor and low birth weight.
- Other complications include: placenta abruption, placenta previa (bleeding complications during pregnancy), and early rupture of membranes (water).
- Smoking can also lead to the inability to conceive or an increased risk of a miscarriage.
- Babies born to mothers who smoke will be addicted to nicotine (addictive ingredient in cigarettes) and will have withdrawal symptoms.
- Kentucky spends approximately \$8.9 million annually caring for babies born to mothers who smoke.
- Children whose parent(s) smoke in the home are more likely to have ear infections, respiratory illnesses, and other health-related problems.
- When a parent (s) smoke in the home it is more likely that their infants will experience Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

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