

Marijuana Use During Pregnancy

- 1** **One in twenty five women** report smoking marijuana during pregnancy.
- 2** **MJ infused products** may contain harmful chemicals such as pesticides and neurotoxins, that when ingested during pregnancy could harm the baby.
- 3** **Research shows that using marijuana while pregnant** can result in low birth weight, premature birth, and developmental problems in newborns.
- 4** **THC, the active ingredient in marijuana,** can be passed through breast milk. Marijuana use during pregnancy and lactation can adversely affect neurodevelopment in the child.
- 5** **Pregnant women who smoke marijuana** have 2.3 more times the risk of stillbirth compared to women who do not use marijuana during pregnancy.
- 6** **Marijuana use during pregnancy** has subtle effects on brain functioning of newborns such as deficits in regulatory behavior and sleeping, irritability, excitability, increased startle response and tremors.
- 7** **Prenatal exposure to marijuana** is associated with an increase in maternal anemia, decrease in infant birth weight, and an increase in placement of newborns in neonatal ICU.



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