#### Self Reflection: (circle your answer)

Does this apply to me?	Yes or No
Am I expecting a baby?	Yes or No
Am I a smoker, a drink, or consume drugs?	Yes or No
What medications am I on?	Yes or No

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to not drink alcohol, not smoke or consume tobacco, and take drugs without the revision of my doctor/Ob-GYN. In signing this pledge, I confirm that I will not harm my child by consuming toxic substances in my body. I will live my life to better the health of myself and my child!

Signature

Date

To find out more on this topic, contact your primary care physician or your OB/GYN.





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# Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco & Pregnancy Do NOT Mix



## A baby's life should <u>NOT</u> begin with detox.

"Mommy, I love you! Please get help before it is too late."

#### **Over the Counter Drugs**: (Aspirin and Cough Syrup)

Over the counter medicines taken by the mother can harm a baby by:

- Birth defects
- Low birth rate
- Breathing complications

\*Under a doctor's care , it can be safe to take medicines during pregnancy.

### Prescribed Drugs: (OxyContin, Percocet, Xanax, Zoloft)

- About 7 out of 10 pregnant women take at least one prescription medicine.
- Over the last 30 years, use of prescription medicine during the first trimester has increased more than 60%.
- Many women need to take medication during pregnancy to manage their health conditions, but it must be known and discussed with the doctor/Ob-GYN.

### Smoking: (Smoking while pregnant)

Smoking tobacco may seem harmless, but it is still a drug and can cause:

- Child development problems
- Higher risk of being born prematurely.
- Low birth rate
- Brain development and learning problems

### Alcohol: (Drinking alcohol while pregnant)

Alcohol use can cause developmental problems such as:

- Miscarriage
- Stillbirth
- Birth defects

- Mental health problems
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Behavioral problems



#### Street Drugs: (Marijuana, Ecstasy, Heroin, and Cocaine)

Taking illegal drugs is not safe for the unborn baby or for the mother and can cause:

- Miscarriage
- Low birth rate
- Premature labor
- Death of mother and/or baby