

SMOKING AND PREGNANCY



Smoking is always harmful to your health, but if you smoke while you are pregnant, it is also harmful to your baby's health. Smoking during pregnancy has been linked to many health problems, including¹:

- Low birth weight
- Premature birth
- Certain birth defects
- Pregnancy loss

Smoking is also linked to gum disease. Research shows that a pregnant woman with gum disease has a greater risk of having a baby born too early or too small. Because of hormonal changes during pregnancy, women who are expecting are already at an increased risk of developing gum disease. So if you smoke and are pregnant, your risk for gum disease is even greater.^{2,3}

Quitting smoking, even if you are already pregnant, can help you avoid health problems caused by smoking. It can also make a big difference for you and your baby. Talk to your doctor about how you can quit smoking and give your baby a healthy start in life.

If you need help finding a dental provider or have questions about your dental benefits, visit [DentaQuest.com](https://dentaquest.com) or call 1-833-479-1984, TTY/TDD 711.



¹"Smoking and pregnancy: Understand the risks." Mayoclinic.org. March 19, 2015. <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/pregnancy-week-by-week/indepth/smoking-and-pregnancy/art-20047021>. Accessed 26 July 2017

²"Periodontal (Gum) Disease: Causes, Symptoms, and Treatments." The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. NIH Publication No. 13-1142. September 2013

³Heather Jared, BSDH, MS and Kim A. Boggess, MD, "Periodontal Diseases and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes: A Review of the Evidence and Implications for Clinical Practice." 2008 Journal of Dental Hygiene. https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/7838_Periodontal_Diseases_and_Adverse_Pregnancy_Outcomes.pdf. Accessed 26 July 2017

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Language Assistance

English: ATTENTION: If you need help in your language, call 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 or 711). Aids and services for people with disabilities, like documents in braille and large print, are also available. Call 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 or 711). These services are free of charge.

Arabic:

تنبيه: إذا كنت تحتاج إلى المساعدة بلغتك، اتصل على الرقم 1-833-479-1984 (للهاتف النصي: 1-800-466-7566 أو 711). وتتوفر أيضًا مساعدات وخدمات لذوي الإعاقات، مثل توفير الوثائق بلغة برايل وبخط كبير. اتصل على الرقم 1-833-479-1984 (للهاتف النصي: 1-800-466-7566 أو 711). وهذه الخدمات مجانية.

Chinese: 注意: 如果您需要使用您的语言获得帮助, 请拨打 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 或 711)。我们还提供为残障人士准备的辅助工具和服务, 例如盲文文件和大字版文件。请拨打 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 或 711)。这些服务是免费的。

Farsi توجه: اگر به زبان مادری خود به راهنمایی احتیاج دارید، با شماره 1-833-479-1984 تماس بگیرید (کاربران TTY با شماره 1-800-466-7566 یا 711 تماس بگیرند). برای افراد دچار ناتوانی، کمک و خدماتی مثل اسناد در قالب خط بریل و چاپ با حروف درشت نیز امکان پذیر است. با شماره 1-833-479-1984 تماس بگیرید (کاربران TTY با شماره 1-800-466-7566 یا 711 تماس بگیرند). این خدمات رایگان هستند.

Hmong: UA TWB ZOO NYEEM: Yog koj xav tau kev pab ua koj hom lus, hu rau 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 los sis 711). Tsis tas li ntawd, tseem muaj cov kev pab thiab kev pab cuam rau cov neeg xiam oob qhab, xws li ua tus ntawv sur au neeg dig muag thiab luam ua ntawv loj. Hu rau 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 los sis 711). Cov kev pab cuam no yog pab dawb xwb.

Russian: ВНИМАНИЕ! Если Вам нужна помощь на Вашем языке, позвоните по телефону 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 или 711). Также доступны средства и услуги для людей с ограниченными возможностями, например, документы, напечатанные шрифтом Брайля или крупным шрифтом. Позвоните по телефону 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 или 711). Эти услуги предоставляются бесплатно.

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: Si necesita ayuda en su idioma, llame al 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 o 711). También hay disponibilidad de ayudas y servicios para personas con discapacidades, como documentos en braille y en letra grande. Llame al 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 o 711). Estos servicios son gratuitos.

Vietnamese: LƯU Ý: Nếu cần giúp đỡ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị, xin gọi số 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 hoặc 711). Chúng tôi cũng có các dịch vụ và hỗ trợ người khuyết tật, như các tài liệu bằng chữ Braille và in cỡ lớn. Gọi số 1-833-479-1984 (TTY: 1-800-466-7566 hoặc 711). Các dịch vụ này miễn phí.