# EMBRACE | Protecting Your Patients



## THE FACTS

Smoking during pregnancy increases birth defects and creates long-term health effects for mothers. Nicotine can be a danger to pregnant women and the developing baby's health. It can also damage the developing baby's brain and lungs.



Smoking is a leading cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

## HELP YOUR PATIENTS QUIT FOR GOOD

The time around pregnancy is a period of more visits with health care providers and provides opportunities for cessation-related conversation.

The best time to quit smoking is before pregnancy, but it's never too late to quit to help improve your patient and their baby's health.

### Tobacco Free Florida encourages health care providers to:

- + ASK patients about their smoking.
- ADVISE patients to quit.
- **REFER** patients to evidence-based cessation services.

Quitting is possible with Tobacco Free Florida. For more information, visit <u>www.TobaccoFreeFlorida.com/QuitYourWay.</u>

### Let's team up to help your patients quit.

To learn more, visit <u>TobaccoFreeFlorida.com/healthcare.</u>

