## ALCOHOL CAN HURT AN UNBORN BABY



Staying Alcohol Free is an Important Choice for a Healthy Baby

This message is brought to you by March of Dimes, United Ways of Utah, Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Utah Department of Health, and Utah Fetal Alcohol Coalition.

## Alcohol, Including Beer and Wine, Can Harm The Baby at Any Time... Even Before a Woman Knows She is Pregnant.

- Alcohol can harm the baby's brain even though the baby looks normal.
- If a woman drinks alcohol during pregnancy, there is a high risk of having a baby with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).
- Birth defects and disabilities for a person with FASD may include but are not limited to:

Permanent brain damage Fetal death

Mental retardation Trouble controlling their behavior

Trouble getting along with others Heart defects

A pregnant woman who stops drinking as soon as possible can improve her chances of having a healthy baby.

## Resources:

Pregnancy Risk Line 800-822-2229

www.pregnancyriskline.org

Answers questions about drugs, alcohol and other exposures during pregnancy and while breastfeeding.

Utah Network of Care www.utah.networkofcare.org

Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health 801-538-3939 www.dsamh.utah.gov

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Information and Referral Center dial on the phone 2-1-1.

www.informationandreferral.org

FASD IS PERMANENT AND CANNOT BE CURED.
THE GOOD NEWS:
FASD IS 100% PREVENTABLE IF WOMEN DO NOT DRINK
ALCOHOL DURING PREGNANCY.