

MATERNAL SMOKING AND BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES

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A study in the December 2009 edition of *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, examines the association of smoking status as a risk factor for reduced initiation and duration of breastfeeding.

Researchers used the Missouri Pregnancy-Related Assessment and Monitoring System to collect a stratified sample of new mothers in 2005. Respondents were classified as nonsmokers, smokers who quit during pregnancy, light smokers (less than 10 cigarettes per day) or moderate/heavy smokers (more than 10 cigarettes per day).

Of the 1,789 women participating in the study, 74 percent had breastfed and 31 percent had smoked while pregnant. In comparison with nonsmokers, the moder-

ate/heavy smokers and light smokers were less likely to initiate breastfeeding, after controlling for socio-demographic characteristics, the presence of other smokers in the household, alcohol use, mode of delivery and infant hospitalizations. Smokers were also more likely to wean over time.

To access the study online visit <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/124/6/1603>.

Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program and smoking cessation resources for pregnant women and others can be found on the KDHE website at www.kdheks.gov/tobacco/index.html and by calling the Kansas Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).



Recall Notice of Infant Car Seat/Carriers

Please be advised that the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Dorel Juvenile Group announced a recall on December 18, 2009, for Dorel infant car seat carriers. These infant car seat carriers create a fall hazard when used as an infant carrier, since the child restraint handle has been reported to loosen partially or completely, sometimes resulting in injury.

See more detailed information on this recall and a picture of the recalled product: www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml10/10084.html.