



SPF-SIG Newsletter

Pregnancy and Prescription Painkillers

What's Happening

- June 21st- Father's Day
- June 23rd-SPF-SIG Coalition Meeting @ Red Rock BHS in El Reno 12:00 p.m.
- June 30-OPPA @ 11 at Gateway to Prevention in Shawnee, OK

More than one-fourth of women who might become pregnant are getting prescriptions for opioid painkillers, such as Vicodin and OxyContin, that can cause birth defects and other serious problems early in pregnancy, according to a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



These common opioid medications are typically prescribed to treat moderate to severe pain, and they can also be found in some prescription cough medicines. But taking them early in pregnancy is dangerous.

"They're deadly, they're addictive, and they cause birth defects," said CDC Director Tom Frieden.

There has been widespread attention to overdoses from prescription opioids. Previous studies of opioid use during pregnancy suggest the medicines could increase risk of major defects of the baby's brain and spine, heart and abdominal wall.

But this is the first time that CDC has looked into opioid painkillers specifically among women of child-bearing age, which is important because many pregnancies aren't recognized until well after the first few weeks, and half of all U.S. pregnancies are unplanned, officials said.

Source: Washington Post <http://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/news/painkillers-and-thinking-about-getting-pregnant-better-talk-your-doctor-washington-post>

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EVERY DAY
44 PEOPLE in the U.S.
DIE FROM OVERDOSE
of prescription painkillers
...and many more become addicted

Canadian County Prescription Drop Box Locations

Canadian County Sheriff's Office

208 West Rodgers
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036
405-422-3187

Mustang Police Department

650 E. State Highway 152
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064
405-376-2488

Yukon Police Department

100 S. Ranchwood Blvd.
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099
405-354-1711

Piedmont Police Department

400 Edmond Road NW
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078
405-373-1334



Did You Know??

Drugged Driving on Prescription Drugs

Prescription drugs can stay in your system long after they have an effect on your ability to operate a vehicle. And, unlike alcohol, measuring impairment is much more ambiguous when it comes to drugs and medication.

Most people do not think of prescription and over-the-counter medication when they hear about DUI. Antidepressants, painkillers, antihistamines and even decongestants can affect your ability to drive and result in a drugged driving DUI arrest.

Source: <http://www.oklahomaduilaws.net/illegalandprescriptiondrugsandanoklahomadui.html>



First Day of
Summer is
June 21!



Helpful Websites:

- www.RedRockRPC.com
- www.Drugfree.org
- www.Ok.gov/odmhsas
- www.ok.gov/obnnd
- <http://takeasprescribed.org/>
- <http://cc-han.com/>

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