

PREGNANT? USED ANY DRUGS IN THE PAST?

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Remember:

Some doctors (wrongly) believe they are required to report your current/past drug use if you are pregnant.

If you choose to disclose to your doctor that you use or used drugs in the past, consider first talking to a lawyer or visiting bit.ly/BirthRightsGuide to learn more.

If you are **accused** under the "Unborn Child Protection Act" and need free legal advice, contact National Advocates for Pregnant Women:

- **212-255-9252** or bit.ly/GetHelpNAPW



YOU DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT

DO YOU WORK WITH PREGNANT PATIENTS OR PREGNANT CLIENTS WHO USE/USED ANY DRUG?

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Doctors & Social Workers

Reporting your pregnant patients/clients for current or past drug use is wrong, breaks confidentiality and undermines trust.

Instead, let them know that you are concerned about them and offer your support. If they are willing to talk about treatment options, offer to support them through the process. In Wisconsin, pregnant women are given priority in substance use treatment admissions. Provide them with the Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline at 833-944-4673.

Lawyers

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Public Defenders

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