



You can get alcohol out of your carpet...

But you can't get the effects of alcohol out of a baby's brain.

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Accidents ... they happen to us all.

Stained carpets, cracked cell phones, dented fenders – fortunately, all these can be repaired or replaced. But some accidents change everything, forever. One of those mistakes is prenatal exposure to alcohol. **Babies** born to mothers who drink during pregnancy **can be damaged for life**. Physical birth defects, behavioural and learning problems, low birth weight, neurological abnormalities – no mother would want to wish them on her baby. But accidents do happen. Babies with prenatal alcohol injuries grow up in our midst often **struggling with undiagnosed but crippling deficits**.

So ... what is a friend, neighbour, restaurant owner, group leader, social worker, minister, police officer or nurse to do? First, **alert and educate your public about the dangers of alcohol in pregnancy**. FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) is the **most common mental disorder in the industrialized world**.

Second, when dealing with **people who “just don’t get it”**, consider that **brain malfunction** may be involved. Alcohol leaves a characteristic imprint of symptoms on its victims. For more information, visit www.alcoholbabies.com.

We are a Niagara-based, Christian ministry, and ask for your prayers ... for women to heed all the warnings, and for society to address the important issues that surround prenatal alcohol damage.

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Please take a moment to pray (9/9/ 9:09) and then decide what you can do.

