

FASD THE FACTS





FASD stands for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, the umbrella term used to describe the range of lifelong disabilities that can occur as a result of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

UK Chief Medical Officers If you're pregnant or planning to become pregnant, the safest approach is **not to drink alcohol at all** to keep risks to your baby to a minimum.

Facial distinctions - low set ears

Small head circumference

Below average height and weight

Heart defects

Limb
damage

Bone
formation
defects

Problems in social understanding

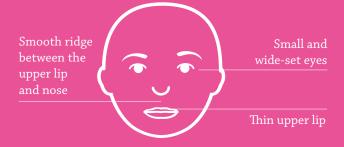
Learning difficulties

Problems in memory, attention or judgement

Problems with time, money or maths

Problems in memory, attention or judgement

Problems receiving and processing language



FASD IS PREVENTABLE

FASD is commonly misdiagnosed as other disorders such as ADHD and Autism. People with FASD also have many strengths. Diagnosis and FASD-informed support helps create brighter futures.



For helpful tips and advice to go alcohol free during pregnancy, or to support a loved one, find out more at drymester.org.uk/he



