



## To women who are about to give birth

### **Birth notification to the Medical Birth Registry of Norway**

The Medical Birth Registry of Norway is a health registry that contains information on all births in Norway for use in health statistics, health surveillance, research, and analyses of patient safety and quality of care. The aim of the registry is to help improve care during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period.

### **What is registered?**

For every birth in the country, all maternity units in Norway are required to report certain information concerning the following points to the registry:

- Name and national identity number of parents and child
- Medical information about the pregnancy
- The woman's health before and during pregnancy
- The delivery
- The child's health at birth
- Congenital diseases, anomalies or death during the first year of life

Information about the mother's career, smoking and drinking habits are registered unless the mother objects. Information on assisted reproduction is also registered unless the couple objects.

Information in the registry is strictly confidential. Names and identity numbers are encrypted. Only authorised personnel who need the information for specific tasks such as quality control of data will have access to the information.

### **What is the information used for?**

Information in the Medical Birth Registry of Norway is used to improve health services for pregnant women and infants, to identify relationships between risk factors and health problems among mothers and children, and to monitor whether new measures and treatments produce the desired effects.

### **Your rights**

Anyone who is registered in the Medical Birth Registry of Norway is entitled to receive information about the registry and can request access to information registered about themselves and their child. To gain access, please submit a written request to the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

### **More information in English**

About the Medical Birth Registry of Norway: <http://www.fhi.no/artikler/?id=94819>

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