

## **Zoloft Linked To Birth Defects**

Zoloft is an antidepressant drug marketed by the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer that has been linked to a number of serious side effects, including **severe birth defects**.

Zoloft is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressant drug. Zoloft targets serotonin, one of the many chemicals in the brain that relay messages between nerves. The intent is to correct a chemical imbalance, therefore improving patient symptoms. Zoloft is also used in the treatment of obsessive compulsive disorder, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, panic disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, and social anxiety disorder.

Recent studies in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#) have shown that women who take Zoloft during the first three months of pregnancy are more likely to give birth to babies with birth defects, as compared to women who do not take any antidepressants during pregnancy. These Zoloft birth defects can be life-threatening and may include the following:

**Heart Defects** such as atrial septal defects;

**Lung Disorder** called persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN);

**Abdominal Defects** including a condition called omphalocele in which the intestines and organs stick out through the belly button;

**Skull Defects** called craniosynostosis

If you were prescribed Zoloft and your child has suffered any of these side effects, please call Tate Law Group today toll-free at (866) 610-7107 (or) contact us online.