



EVERY TWO MINUTES, A WOMAN  
DIES FROM COMPLICATIONS  
EXPERIENCED DURING PREGNANCY  
AND CHILDBIRTH.

Most of these  
deaths are  
**PREVENTABLE**

Here in the U.S., the number of deaths  
from complications of pregnancy and  
childbirth has **more than doubled in  
the past 20 years.**

**THREE OF THE LEADING CAUSES  
OF THESE DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE:**

### **PREECLAMPSIA:**

Defined as pregnancy-induced high blood pressure, often accompanied by the presence of protein in the urine during pregnancy, childbirth or after delivery

### **EMBOLISM (PULMONARY)**

Defined as a sudden blockage of an artery in the lung, usually caused by a blood clot that travels to the lung from a vein in the leg

### **POST-PARTUM HEMORRHAGE (obstetric)**

Defined as severe bleeding during or after giving birth

## **YOU CAN HELP**

by pledging to tell someone you love to have a **PEP Talk** with their healthcare professional about leading pregnancy complications. Take the pledge on [MerckforMothers.com](https://MerckforMothers.com).



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