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# **Chemicals as Flame Retardants May Retard Your Ability to Get Pregnant**

In a new study, it was found that common chemicals used to protect household items from catching on fire may have an adverse effect on your ability to get pregnant.

This study that was just released joins other studies that have shown adverse health effects caused by polybrominated diphenyl ethers (called PBDE's).

Many previous studies have been completed on animals, but in this study, pregnant women were tested for PBDE levels and the level was compared to how long it took them to become pregnant. The study indicates a 10% increase in the level of PBDE resulted in a 30% decrease in the chance of becoming pregnant in a given month. Simply put, those with higher levels of PBDE in their blood took longer to get pregnant.

You can read the whole story in the LA Times by clicking the link below.

[Household chemicals linked to reduced fertility - latimes.com:](https://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-he-041212-010001)

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