



Secondhand Smoke

- “Secondhand smoke is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, chronic lung ailments such as bronchitis and asthma (particularly in children), and low birth-weight births.” (www.TFK.org)
- It is estimated through studies that, 1,820 to 3,240 adults, children, & babies die in the state of Pennsylvania each year from others' smoking (secondhand smoke & pregnancy smoking), according to, *The Toll of Tobacco in your State- Pennsylvania*. (www.TFK.org)
- “Exposure to secondhand smoke has been estimated to result in at least 38,000 annual deaths in the United States and over one million illnesses in children.” (www.TFK.org)
- According to the June 2006 Surgeon General’s Report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, secondhand smoke is a complex mixture of thousands of chemicals emitted from burning tobacco. This chemical mixture includes more than 50 carcinogens. (www.cdc.org)
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in 2004, issued a warning that all people at risk for heart disease should avoid all indoor places that allow smoking because short-term exposure to secondhand smoke creates an increased risk of heart attacks. (www.no-smoke.org)
- “Secondhand smoke levels in bars and casinos are 300-600% higher than in other smoke-filled workplaces. Secondhand smoke levels in restaurants are roughly 160-200% higher than in smoke-filled offices.” (www.no-smoke.org)
- “Researchers have found that exposure to secondhand smoke can cause DNA damage and genetic mutations. The occurrence of this damage implies that there is no level of exposure that does not pose a risk,” concluded in the 2006 Surgeon General’s Report. (www.cdc.org)