

Protecting Foster Youth from Secondhand Smoke Exposure

Missouri Resource Provider Required Training



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Missouri law tasks the Children's Division with placing youth, who are in the division's care and custody, in homes that:

- Safeguard and promote their present – and continuing – good health
- Will not commit any act – or engage in any conduct – that would be injurious to the child's health



Children Exposed to Secondhand Smoke American Medical Association (AMA)

The following [video](#), created by the Medical Association, describes the dangerous effects secondhand smoke has on children.



The Dangerous Effects of Secondhand Smoke

Exposure to secondhand smoke has been linked to the following health conditions for children:

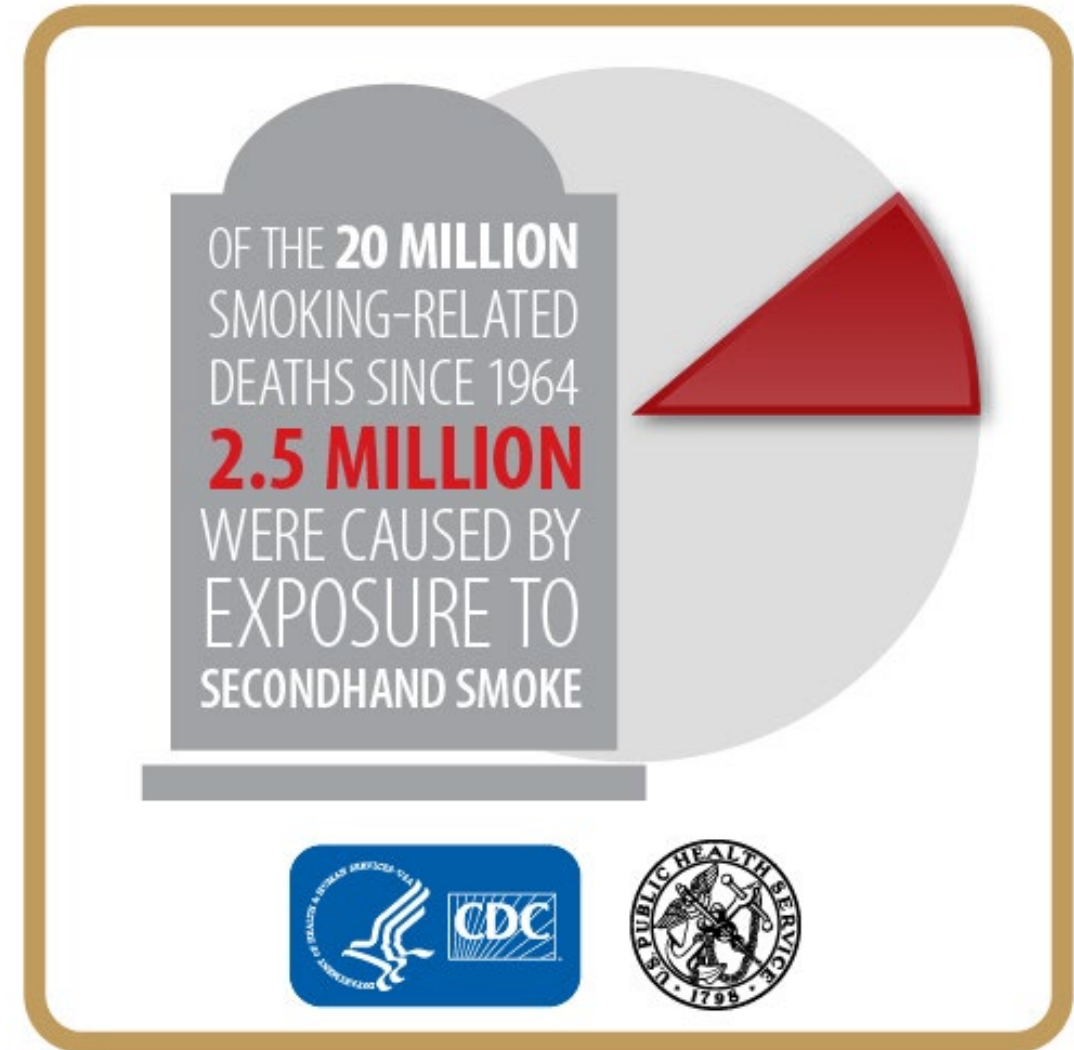
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Respiratory Infections, such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- Ear infections
- Chronic cough
- Tooth decay

Long term effects including:

- Poor lung development (meaning their lungs never develop to their full potential)
- Lung cancer
- Heart disease
- Cataracts

Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke

Approximately one half of American children between the ages of 3 and 18 are victims of secondhand smoke. Please read the information found in the [Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke](#), produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



The Dangers of Secondhand Smoke



Secondhand smoke exposure is especially harmful to children, as their lungs are still developing.

Read more about the dangers of secondhand smoke exposure at [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org).

The Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

“Kids are especially at risk for health problems, because their bodies are growing and they breathe at a faster rate than adults.”

Watch this short [WebMD video](#) to learn about the dangers of secondhand smoke.



Secondhand Smoke in our Homes and Vehicles

Secondhand smoke isn't just the cigarette smoke in the air. Watch this [video](#) about how smoke is absorbed in furniture, walls, and clothing.



The Importance of Smoke-Free Homes and Cars



Secondhand smoke is not the only concern for children. Smoke residue from tobacco products lingers in homes and cars, long after someone smokes. Simply opening a window or running a fan cannot eliminate exposure. Smoke that remains in the air and settles on surfaces is ingested by children, and causes:

- Ear infections
- Bronchitis
- Pneumonia
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Tips for a Smoke-Free Home

- Never smoke inside your home, even when it is cold outside
Smoking indoors one time is enough to contaminate the rest of the house, even if you're in a room with the doors closed
- Create a comfortable place to smoke outside
- Keep an umbrella near the door to reinforce going outside to smoke, even when the weather is bad
- Let guests know that your house is smoke-free and show them the outdoor smoking area
- Consider posting a sign to remind visitors that there is no smoking in your house



Tips for a Smoke-Free Car

- Never smoke in a car that transports children (even if the windows are open, smoking in your car once, can fill the seats and other materials with toxins)
- Remind passengers not to smoke in your car
- Try to time your smoking to coincide with times when you know you will be outside of the car
- Fill your car's ashtray with change, so you aren't tempted to use it for ash
- Leave a cellphone charger plugged into the car's adapter outlet, so you aren't tempted to use it as a lighter
- Keep a jacket/umbrella in the car to use in case you need to stop and smoke when the weather is bad
- Store your cigarettes in an out-of-reach area while you drive



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