

SECONDHAND SMOKE

Not only is the smoker at risk for tobacco-related illnesses, but non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke are at greater risk for developing serious chronic diseases. In fact, secondhand smoke is the THIRD leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., causing 53,000 deaths per year in NON-smokers. Every day, more than 15 million children, including 420,000 Hoosier children, are exposed to secondhand smoke in the home. Millions of doctor visits and thousands of hospitalizations occur due to children's exposure to secondhand smoke. Health consequences linked to secondhand smoke include cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness, allergies, SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), chronic ear infections, asthma, and low birth weight babies.

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