

# SECONDHAND SMOKE

is the tobacco smoke exhaled by a smoker or from a burning tobacco product.



**Secondhand smoke** contains thousands of **chemicals**, at least 69 are known to cause **cancer**.



There is no safe level of **exposure** to secondhand smoke.



Brief exposure to secondhand smoke causes **damage** that is known to cause illness and **cancer**.



Using ventilation systems, or opening a window does not eliminate the **harmful effects** of secondhand smoke.



Children exposed to secondhand smoke are a higher risk for **health issues**.



Pets that breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to develop **cancer**.

**IF YOU SMOKE: Protect your family, friends and coworkers by keeping your home and car smoke-free.**

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# THIRDHAND SMOKE

is the tobacco smoke residue that remains after a tobacco product has been put out.



After smoke clears, **toxins linger**, which may leave an odor.



Thirdhand smoke **contains chemicals** known to cause **cancer**.



Smoke **residue sticks** to clothing, hair and skin.



**Lingering toxins** resist normal household cleaning.



Thirdhand smoke **builds up** over time on carpets, walls, furniture, plastic toys and stuffed animals.



Infants and children are **more exposed** to thirdhand smoke because they crawl on the floor and put things in their mouths.

**IF YOU SMOKE:** Protect your family, friends and coworkers, wash your hands and hair and change your clothes before coming into contact with others, especially infants and children.

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