

HEALTH IMPACTS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE



WHAT IS SECONDHAND SMOKE?

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of gases and fine particles that includes **smoke from a burning cigarette, cigar or pipe tip** or **smoke that has been exhaled by a person smoking**.

SECONDHAND SMOKE IS A REAL HEALTH ISSUE



Cigarette smoking remains the leading preventable cause of illness and death in Georgia.

Over **10,000 adult Georgians die** from smoking-related illnesses annually.

SECONDHAND SMOKE IS DANGEROUS

There is **no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke** and is harmful both indoors and outdoors.

97%

of Atlanta residents polled believe **secondhand smoke is a health hazard**.*



In the past 50 years, **2.5 million** people have died from exposure to secondhand smoke.

SECONDHAND SMOKE AND HEART DISEASE



Exposure to secondhand smoke can increase the risk of premature death, heart disease and stroke.

Exposure to secondhand smoke can increase the risk of stroke by

20-30%

*In July 2016, Baseline and Associates conducted a survey among 400 Atlanta residents on behalf of the American Heart Association's ANCHOR Partnership's Program, locally known as Smoke Free Atlanta.

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