LGBTQ FACTS ABOUT SECONDHAND SMOKE

Cigarette smoking among LGBTQ individuals in the U.S. is higher than among heterosexual/straight individuals.

- Nearly 1 in 4 LGBTQ adults smoke cigarettes compared with about 1 in 6 heterosexual/straight adults.

- 23.9% of LGBTQ adults smoke cigarettes compared to 16.6% of straight adults.

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
- More than 30,000 LGBTQ persons die each year of tobacco-related diseases.

BARTENDERS AND SERVERS IN LGBTQ NIGHTCLUBS ARE EXPOSED TO HIGH LEVELS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE.

- LGBTQ individuals are less likely to have health insurance than straight individuals, which may negatively affect health as well as access to cessation treatments, including counseling and medication.

- High rates of tobacco use within the LGBTQ community are due in part to the aggressive marketing by tobacco companies that sponsor events, bar promotions, giveaways, and advertisements.¹

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