

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



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

Health conditions caused by secondhand smoke include **coronary heart disease, stroke and lung cancer**.

More than 41,000 nonsmokers in the US die from secondhand smoke exposure every year.

EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.

Secondhand smoke causes more than **7,300 lung cancer deaths**, and nearly **34,000 premature deaths from heart disease among nonsmokers**.

SECONDHAND SMOKE IS DANGEROUS

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

90%

of Atlanta voters polled feel that exposure to **second-hand smoke is a serious health hazard**.*



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

SECONDHAND SMOKE AND HEALTH



Secondhand smoke contains more than **7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer**.

Exposure to secondhand smoke can increase the risk of stroke by

20-30%

*<http://smokefreeatl.org/SF-ATL-poll-slides-for-public-release-final-10-18-17.pdf>