



Secondhand Smoke

Did you know that....

- Cigarette smoke is a toxic soup of more than 4,000 known chemical compounds, of which more than 60 are known carcinogens. (National Cancer Institute, 2001)
- Secondhand smoke comes from two places: mainstream (smoke breathed out by the person who smokes) and sidestream (smoke from the end of a burning cigarette). (American Lung Association, 2002)
- Secondhand smoke has been estimated to result in at least 38,000 annual deaths in the United States and over one million illnesses in children. (National Cancer Institute, 1999)
- Philip Morris knew as early as the 1970s that exposed nonsmokers were at significant risk of contracting lung cancer just from sidestream smoke exhaled by the smoker. (U. S. News and World Report, 1998)
- In the late 1980's, Philip Morris began recruiting scientists through direct financial payments and support that would promote the idea that secondhand smoke was not as harmful. (Action on Smoking and Health, 2003)
- Secondhand smoke can cause low-birth-weight infants, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), lower respiratory tract infections, increased asthma symptoms, lung cancer and many other health problems. (National Cancer Institute, 1999)

Secondhand smoke is deadly. To find out how you can join the battle against secondhand smoke, contact the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free West Virginia at 304-344-9744 or ctfwv@wvha.com.