



Enact “Smoke Free Alabama” Legislation

Second hand smoke is extremely harmful to children. When individuals smoke around children the effect is actually worse than if the child was actually smoking. Second hand smoke contains twice as much tar and nicotine per unit volume as does inhaled smoke. Because a child’s respiratory rate is much faster than an adult’s, a child breathes in much more second hand smoke in a smoky room than a non-smoking adult does. This smoke contains 40 cancer causing agents and 200 known poisons. Second hand smoke is considered a Class A carcinogen just as is asbestos. We protect children from asbestos, lead poisoning from paint and other dangerous chemicals that harm their health. We need to protect them from second hand smoke as well.