

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

1. "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons and Tobacco Use." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 28, 2017. Retrieved June 27, 2017 from <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/disparities/lgbt/index.htm>