

SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES



DANGERS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE

There is **no safe level of exposure** to secondhand smoke.



Each year more than **480,000** adults in the U.S. die prematurely because of smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke.

Exposure to secondhand smoke can increase the risk of stroke and heart disease by

20-30%



A recent study estimated that **1/5 of nonsmoking adults employed in the U.S.** are exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace.

TOBACCO USE THE COST



\$3.2 BILLION

in **annual lost productivity costs** are attributed to smoking among adults in Georgia.



\$1.8 BILLION

in **annual healthcare costs** are attributed to smoking among adults in Georgia.

STILL NOT CONVINCED?

93%

of polled Atlanta residents believe **workers should be protected from exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace.***

90%

of polled Atlanta residents believe **a smoke free workplace protects employees and customers from the harmful impact of secondhand smoke.***

Studies have shown that comprehensive smoke free laws are associated with a rapid **15% decrease in hospitalizations for heart attacks and 16% for stroke.**

Passage of smoke-free workplace law is associated with lower rates of death from heart attacks, heart disease and strokes among workers.

*In July 2006, Baseline and Associates conducted a survey among 400 Atlanta residents on behalf of the American Heart Association's ANCHOR Partnerships Program, locally known as Smoke Free Atlanta.

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