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Cigarettes Promote Harmful Habits!

Every day, over 4,000 children in the U.S. smoke their first cigarette and 2,000 teenagers become daily smokers. When children see adults smoking in a family-friendly place like a zoo, they incorporate the experience as an acceptable activity.

Secondhand Smoke is Dangerous!

Secondhand smoke drifts and is especially hazardous to children and people with asthma and other respiratory problems. It has been determined that any level of exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General Report stated that secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that can lead to disease and premature death in children and non-smoking adults. [Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse health effect.](#) just 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke compromises the cardiovascular system by reducing the blood flow to the heart.

Cigarette Litter is Harmful!

Discarded cigarette butts take about 10 years to disintegrate. Cigarette butts eaten by birds, pets, and other animals can result in harmful conditions such as blocked air passages. Children can swallow or choke on cigarette butts discarded in the zoo. Poison control centers see an average of 8,000 children a year poisoned by ingesting cigarette butts. It is suspected that many forest and grass fires are started by discarded cigarette butts.

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