

Statement of Support

Whereas tobacco smoke is classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a Group A carcinogen, there is no risk free level of exposure, and has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer, and

Whereas the United States Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke, killing more than 60,000 Americans annually, and

Whereas scientific evidence shows children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear problems, and more severe asthma, and

Whereas secondhand tobacco smoke is a serious health hazard both indoors and outdoors, and

Whereas the Madison County Board of Health's mission is to ensure the health, safety, and quality of life of all Madison County residents,

It is hereby the position of the Madison County Board of Health to support elimination of secondhand smoke exposure in both indoor and outdoor areas.

Working to build a healthy community



Madison County

DEPARTMENT
of **HEALTH**

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