

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO SMOKING: IMPLICATIONS FOR  
PUBLIC POLICIES THAT AFFECT THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN

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Policy Statement: Because of "the direct effects of cigarette smoking on the smoker" and "the environmental hazards created by smokers for the nonsmoker," a committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics presents recommendations for antismoking education and legislation. The respiratory hazard of tobacco smoke exposure for children is pointed out.

Discussion: "[T]he Committee considers tobacco smoking to constitute one of the most important sources of environmental contamination and a significant threat to the health of children. The Committee recommends that physicians increase their efforts to inform parents about the environmental hazards of smoking, particularly to their children. In addition, the Committee urges physicians to support legislation prohibiting smoking in public places frequented by children, particularly in hospitals and other health facilities. Also, pediatricians should provide an example to young patients by not smoking....

"[T]he Committee finds it incongruous that, in spite of all the scientific evidence summarized in the Surgeon General's report indicating that tobacco is a health hazard, the federal government continues to subsidize the production of tobacco. The Committee believes that removal of the various support programs provided to tobacco growers and the tobacco industry is long overdue."

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