

SMOKE-FREE CARS



Healthy Kids!



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The Marco Firebaugh Memorial Children's Health and Safety (H&S) Act of 2007
H&S Code §118947

Law

- Smokers in California can be fined up to \$100 for smoking any cigarette, pipe, or cigar in a moving or parked vehicle while any youth younger than the age of 18 are present
- A law enforcement officer may not stop a vehicle for a smoking violation alone

Risks

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS], 2006)
- Secondhand smoke causes health problems in youth who do not smoke (DHHS, 2006)
- The level of toxic air in a vehicle when someone is smoking is up to ten times greater than the level which the United States Environmental Protection Agency considers hazardous (Ott, W., 2007)
- Harmful chemicals from secondhand smoke can remain in the air and on the inside surfaces of a vehicle for many hours, and even days, after a cigarette has been smoked (Matt, G.E., 2004)
- Children who breathe in cigarette smoke are more likely to have breathing problems, earaches, and colds (DHHS, 2006)

Benefits

- Healthier kids and passengers
- Fresh air
- Cleaner car and higher resale value

To quit smoking contact the California Smokers' Helpline at
1-800-NO-BUTTS, 1-800-45-NO-FUME
or www.NoButts.org for a free personalized quitting plan.