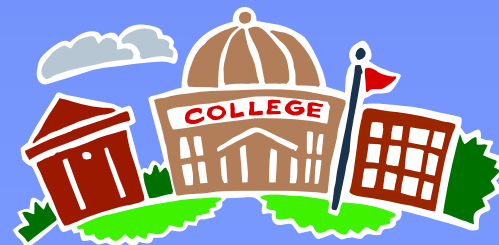




Mesa College and Secondhand Smoke

Overview

- Mesa College Goals
- Secondhand Smoke
- Secondhand Smoke Statistics
- California Air Resources Board



Educational Mission

- “Mesa College is committed to providing education and services that promote access, retention and student success”. (page 9 college catalog)



Smokers Rights?

- There is no law that guarantees a person's "right" to smoke.
 - Smoking is not a protected activity under the US Constitution



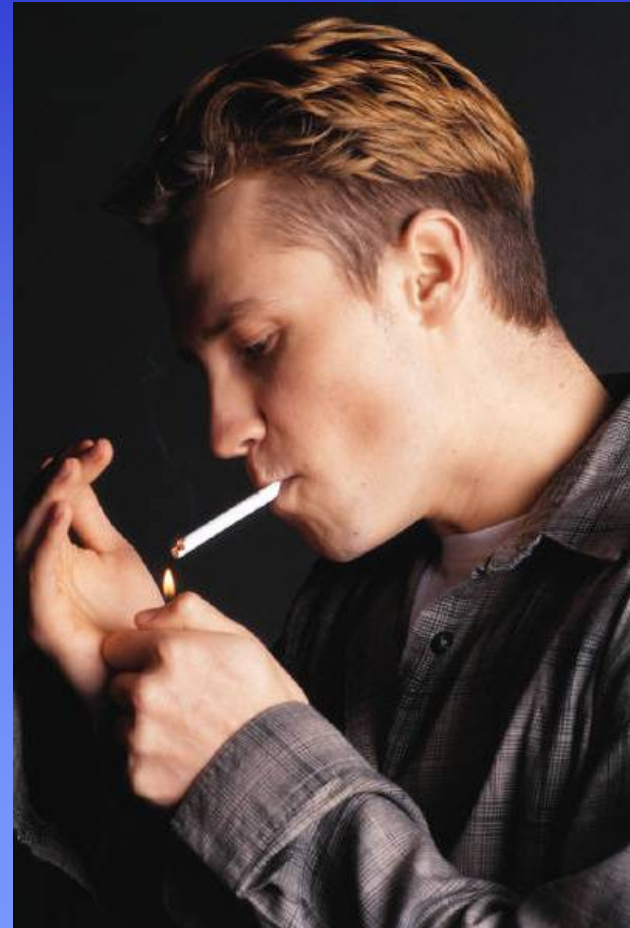
What is Secondhand Smoke



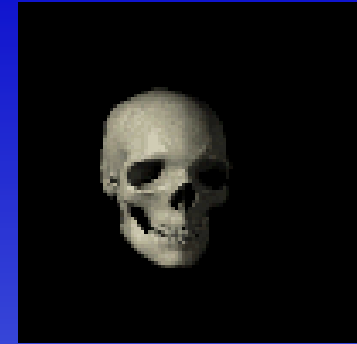
- Secondhand smoke is given off by a burning end of tobacco products and smoke exhaled by smokers.

What is in a Cigarette?

- 1 cigarette contain 4,000 chemicals
- 200 of these are poisons
- 43 of which cause cancer



Secondhand Smoke



- Secondhand smoke is more dangerous because there is no filter.
- The effects of brief exposure to secondhand smoke are often nearly as large as chronic active smoking.
- In 1991, 90% of the population had measurable levels of serum cotinine in their blood.

Secondhand Smoke Statistics

- Secondhand smoke is the 3rd leading cause of preventable death
- Secondhand smoke each year kills about 3,000 non-smokers from lung cancer and 35,000 non-smokers from coronary heart disease in the U.S.

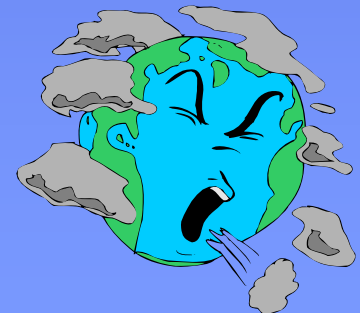


California Air Resources Board

- The State of California has identified secondhand smoke as a Toxic Air Contaminant.
- Secondhand smoke is now formally identified as an airborne toxic substance that may cause and/or contribute to death or serious illness.

www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/nr012606.htm

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Smoke-Free San Diego County

- Workplaces
- Bars and Restaurant
- Beaches
- Parks
- Trains, Buses & Trolleys
- Healthcare campuses
- Padres Stadium
(1 smoking section)
- Inside Public Building
- 20 feet from any
Government Building

Public Opinion

- 82% of Californians want smoke-free outdoor areas (2001)

Options?

1. Status Quo
2. Designated smoking sections in parking lots
3. No smoking on campus