

Smokefree Cars Petition

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To <small>Insert name of local Member of Parliament</small>	The House of Representatives		
The petition of <small>Name of person</small>			
On behalf of <small>Name of local group, network or coalition and others</small>			<small>[No. of others]</small>
Contact person <small>Name of person coordinating petition</small>			
Physical Address			
Email address			
Telephone			
Signature		Date	

We request that the House note that [insert number of signatories] people have signed a petition requesting a ban on smoking in cars carrying children under the age of 18 years.

Children are our most valuable asset and are particularly vulnerable to second-hand smoke due to their smaller lungs and lower body weight. Children need to be protected from second-hand smoke as much as possible as it can cause:

- middle ear infections (including glue ear/otitis media)
- lower respiratory illnesses (including croup, bronchitis, bronchiolitis and pneumonia)
- the onset of asthma and worsening of asthmatic symptoms
- reduced lung growth
- sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI also known as SIDS or cot death)
- meningococcal disease
- and may effect a child's learning development and behaviour.

Children are often not able to move away from second-hand smoke. Opening or winding down a window will not remove all of the poisons. The poisons will linger long after the smoke and smell have disappeared.

Reducing our children's exposure to second-hand smoke and the visibility of smoking, will increase the likelihood that future generations will remain smokefree.

Signature of Receipt <small>Member of Parliament</small>		Date	
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