

PRESS STATEMENT
FROM ACTION FOR SICK CHILDREN
on
PASSIVE SMOKING AND CHILDREN
A Report by the Tobacco Advisory Group of the Royal College of Physicians
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Action for Sick Children welcomes the new report launched today from the Royal College of Physicians on Passive Smoking – a Major Health Hazard to Children.

This report highlights the most important factors governing exposure of children to passive smoking, be in the home, in the car or through their carers. Children from homes where there is smoking face increased health risks, which include lower respiratory tract infections, middle ear disease and even bacterial meningitis.

Action for Sick Children strongly supports the recommendations in this new report and calls on everyone to help protect the health of children and young people from this stoppable hazard of passive smoking. We owe this surely to our children, to safeguard them from such health problems.

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