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## A SMOKE-FREE ST. CHARLES COUNTY IS GOOD FOR HEALTH

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The 2006 Surgeon General's Report concluded that there is **no risk-free level of secondhand smoke.**

### EVERY WORKER DESERVES TO BREATHE SMOKE-FREE AIR.

100% smoke-free policies are the only effective way to prevent the death and illness caused by secondhand smoke at work.



CURRENTLY, THERE ARE  
**34** local smoke-free laws  
in the state of Missouri

PROTECTING  
**31%** of the state's population  
from breathing hazardous  
secondhand smoke at work.



**RESIDENTS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY**  
are left unprotected from secondhand smoke due to lack of a strong countywide law that protects everyone from secondhand smoke, **no matter where they work.**



- Those left behind are likely exposed in hospitality workplaces like **bars and casinos.**
- Exposure to secondhand smoke **increases stroke risk by 20-30%**
- Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilation systems **cannot eliminate exposure** of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.