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## Do Smokers Endanger Nonsmokers?

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Do people have a right to smoke?

This question has been raised by a Michigan doctor who claims that smokers not only endanger their own health but also can be a hazard to other people.

His claim is backed by research from a Salt Lake physician whose studies show that smokers closely associated with cigarette users can have their lungs affected by second-hand smoke.

The Michigan research indicated that children exposed to tobacco smoke have almost twice as much respiratory disease as do children in non-smoking families.

The study by Dr. Paul Cameron of Wayne State University was reported in Antibiotic

News, a technical journal.

"We were able to correlate the amount of sickness with the amount of smoke in the household. The more smoke, the more illness," he said.

"While we now accept that the smoker may harm himself by smoking, our study has shown that the health of resident children may also be affected — a finding with many moral and legal implications," Cameron said.

His survey included 727 families in Michigan with children under age 16. The rate of illness in the "smoke" homes was about 6 per cent, compared to 3 per cent in the "no-smoke" homes.

All the differences in sickness between the two types of homes were "statistically significant," Cameron said.

"Children are known to be . . .  
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