

Update to Secondhand Smoke Laws What it Means for Families



No Smoking in Vehicles with Children

Act 135 allows law enforcement to pull over any car when someone in the car is seen smoking and a child 8 years old or younger is in the car.

You can be fined up to \$100.

This law is important for children because there is no safe amount of secondhand smoke.

Even in short rides with windows rolled down, secondhand smoke can reach dangerously high levels.

Children who are around secondhand smoke are at more risk for Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, lung infections, ear infections, pneumonia, bronchitis and other medical problems.

No Smoking at Schools & Child Care



Act 135 prohibits use of all tobacco products including tobacco substitutes (such as e-cigarettes) on public school grounds, at school sponsored events, and licensed child care facilities (indoor and outdoor) at all times, even when children are not there.

Tobacco use and substitutes are no longer allowed at in-home day care centers while children are there.

Parents must be notified if there is smoking in the home at other times.

Act 135 went into effect on July 1, 2014. For full details:
www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/tobacco

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