

## Create a Smoke-Free Environment

### Talk about it.

- Sit down with your family to talk about making your home smoke-free.

### Get ready.

- If you smoke, the best solution is to quit. If you have questions about quitting, download or order a copy of our workbook Journey 2 Quit at [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca) and speak with a health care professional.
- If you are not yet ready to quit, only smoke outside away from others.
- Remove ashtrays and lighters from your home.
- Display a smoke-free home sign on your front door.

### Take it outside.

- Ask any visitors to your home to only smoke outside.
- Thank your family and friends for helping to keep your home “smoke-free”.

## Remember:

- In Ontario, it is against the law to smoke in a vehicle carrying children under the age of 16.
- Place the smoke-free vehicle sign in your car window.
- Ensure your child’s caregivers do not smoke around them.

To speak with a Certified Respiratory Educator, contact The Lung Association Lung Health Information Line: **1-888-344-LUNG (5864)**.

Download this and other resources at [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca)

For more information on how to keep your home healthy, go to [www.YourHealthyHome.ca](http://www.YourHealthyHome.ca)

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## Steps to make your home smoke-free



**When you can't breathe,  
nothing else matters.™**

## Second-Hand Smoke

- Drifts from the burning product (cigarettes, pipes, and cigars) and is also blown into the air by the person who is smoking.
- Drifts from one room to another, even if the door is closed and the windows are open.
- Remains in the home – sticking to furniture, carpet, drapes and clothing long after the product has been put out – also known as “third-hand smoke”.

Display smoke-free decals in your home or car.

## Second-Hand Smoke Exposure

- Increases the risk for colds, ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Increases the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Increases the risk of developing asthma in children.
- Causes more symptoms and increases the risk for attacks in people with asthma.



## There is No Safe Level of Second-Hand Smoke

Second-hand smoke harms everyone.



- Increases the risk of developing cancer, heart disease and other lung diseases such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).
- Causes more than 400 deaths in Ontario yearly.
- Increases the risk of cancer in family pets.
- Worsens existing heart, lung or allergic conditions.