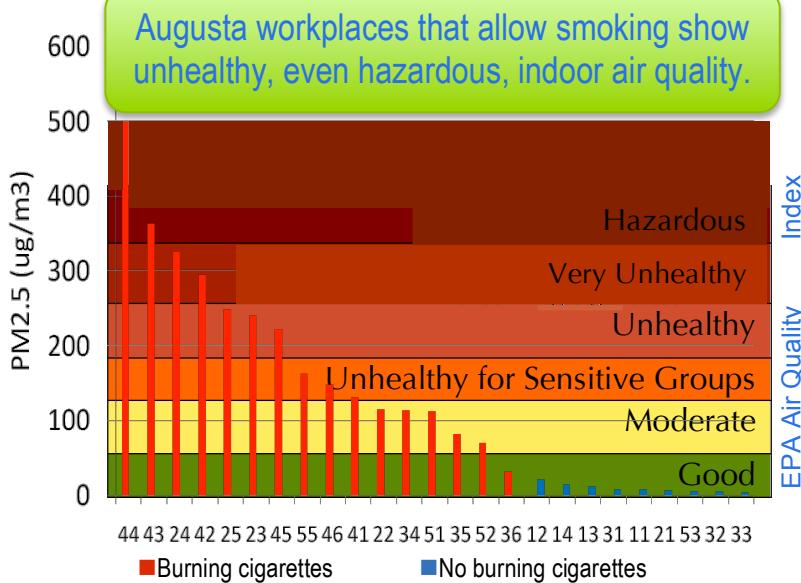


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Secondhand smoke is dangerous to every worker's health

- Exposure to secondhand smoke – even for a short period of time, can have immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system.
- Brief exposure can interfere with normal functioning of the heart, blood, and vascular systems in ways that can increase the risk of a heart attack.
- Secondhand smoke contains many chemicals that can quickly irritate and damage the lining of the airways.
- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Eliminating smoking in all indoor workplaces is the only way to fully protect everyone.



By The Numbers:

Why Should You Care?

1,430 Adult nonsmokers die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke in Georgia.

Public support is high for smokefree workplaces.

82% Of Richmond County residents surveyed who report that smoking should never be allowed indoors at workplaces

90% 275,000 of adults in the Augusta Health District support strict enforcement of tobacco use policies in indoor/outdoor public places

61% Of Augusta's Republican voters showed support for smokefree policies on a 2012 ballot straw poll.

Augusta workers, residents, and visitors are still exposed to secondhand smoke.

44% = The 135,000 adults in the Augusta Health District exposed to secondhand smoke.

35% = The 108,000 adults in the Augusta Health District exposed to secondhand smoke in public places.

27% = The 42,000 adults in the Augusta Health District exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace.

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Support smokefree workplaces for everyone.

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