

BY THE NUMBERS

100%

local parks exposed to secondhand smoke in playgrounds and picnic areas

72.7%

AGREE that drifting secondhand smoke is a problem in the community

4 in 5

AGREE that making outdoor public places smoke-free would improve the community's health

Data from San Joaquin County 2022 Public Opinion Poll and Park Observations

STOPP
SMOKING & TOBACCO
OUTREACH/PREVENTION PROGRAM

Support for Smoke-Free Parks

Secondhand smoke in outdoor settings is just as harmful as secondhand smoke indoors.¹ Prohibit smoking and vaping in parks and other public outdoor spaces to protect families.

BENEFITS OF SMOKE-FREE PARKS & RECREATIONAL AREAS

- **Secondhand smoke and aerosols are harmful**, regardless of whether it's from tobacco, cannabis, or e-cigarettes.²
- There is **NO** level of exposure to secondhand smoke that is safe for children and adults. Even short-term exposure can **increase the risk of heart attacks**.³
- Smoke-free environments **model healthy behavior for kids** and encourage users to **smoke less or even quit**.⁴

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Protect families by supporting a ban on smoking & vaping** in all public parks and outdoor recreation areas.
- **Join over 150 communities** throughout California that have already implemented smoke-free bans in public parks.⁵



Join the *Smoking & Tobacco Outreach/Prevention Program (STOPP) Coalition* and help pass lifesaving policies that support smoke-free public places.

Scan the QR code to fill out an interest form, OR use the link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/STOPPInterestForm

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