



Smoke-free cars for healthy Arkansas kids.

Arkansas Protection From Secondhand Smoke for Children Act (ACT 811 of 2011) FACT CARD

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke; even brief exposure can be harmful to children.

- Act 811 prohibits smoking in all vehicles when a child under 14 years of age is present.
- Smoking in a vehicle with children under 14 is a primary offense; a vehicle can be pulled over, and the driver may receive a ticket for violating the law.
- Any first offenders may have their fine removed by proving current enrollment into a program to quit using tobacco (tobacco cessation program).
- To quit tobacco call 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or 1-800-784-8669, for a free program including medication, while supplies last.



For more information, visit stampoutsmoking.com or healthy.arkansas.gov.



Automóviles libres de humo para la salud de los niños de Arkansas.

Ley de Arkansas Para la Protección de los Niños a la Exposición del Humo de Segunda Mano. TARJETA INFORMATIVA

No existe un nivel sano de exposición al humo de segunda mano. Incluso breves exposiciones pueden ser dañinas.

- La Ley de Arkansas prohíbe fumar en cualquier vehículo cuando un niño menor de 14 años está presente.
- Fumar en un vehículo con un niño menor de 14 años es una ofensa primaria; un vehículo puede ser detenido, y el conductor multado por violar esta ley.
- Cualquier persona que viole esta ley por primera vez puede pedir que se le cancele la multa al comprobar que se ha inscrito en un programa para dejar de usar tabaco (programa de cesación del tabaco).
- Si quiere dejar de usar tabaco, llame al 1-800-784-8669 para un programa gratuito que incluye medicamentos, mientras duren las existencias.



Para más información, llame al (501) 280-4141
o visite stampoutsmoking.com o healthy.arkansas.gov.

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Young lungs are delicate and smoke can hinder their development. That's why it's now illegal to smoke in a vehicle with a child under 14 present. Drivers can be pulled over and ticketed if seen smoking with a child. For more information on Act 811 or help quitting, visit stampoutsmoking.com or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Let's keep Arkansas cars smoke-free for healthy kids.



Arkansas Department of Health



STAMP OUT SMOKING
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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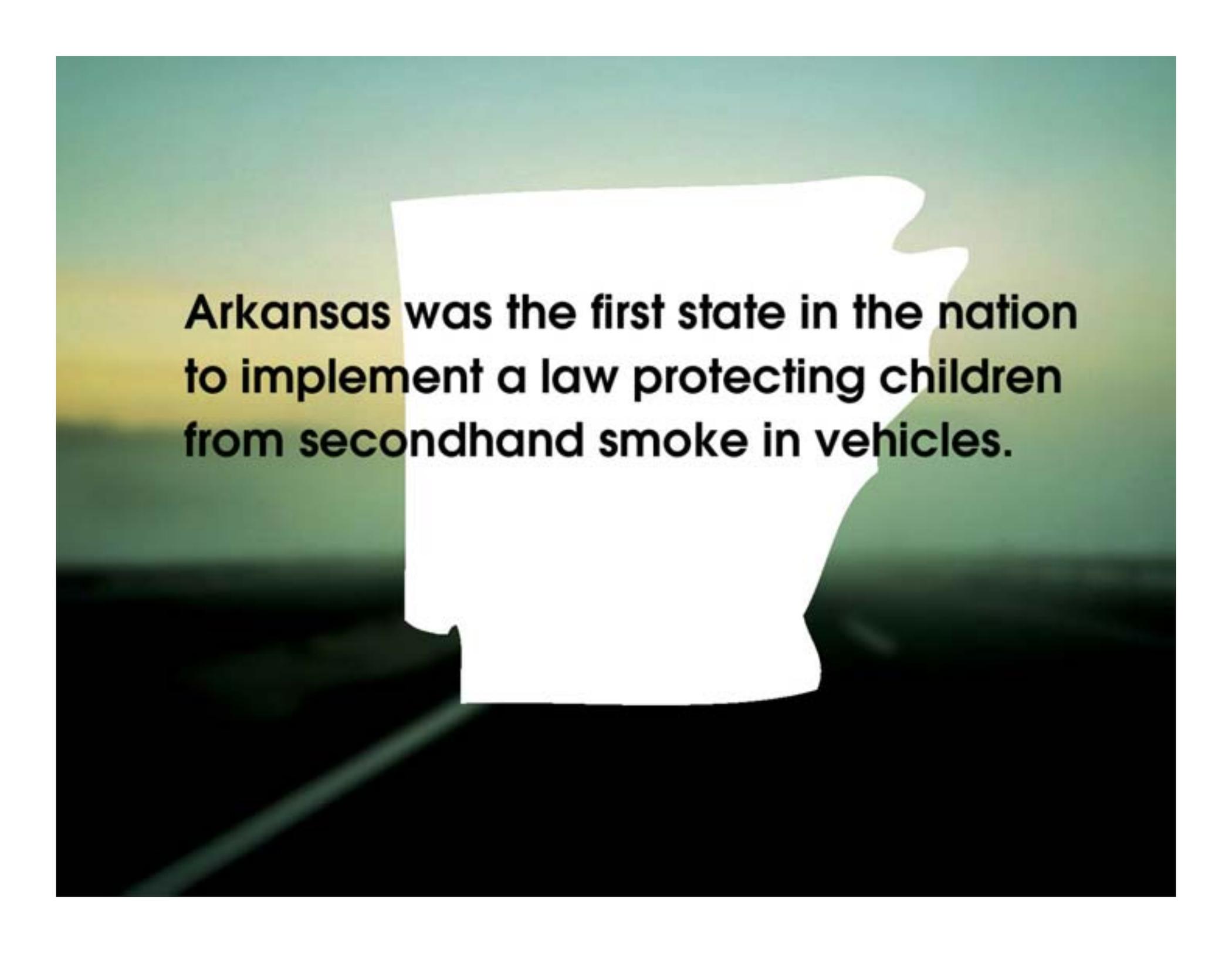
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Arkansas was the first state in the nation to implement a law protecting children from secondhand smoke in vehicles.

Others soon followed Arkansas' example:



• California • Louisiana • Maine •
Rockland County in New York • Keyport, New Jersey
South Africa • Puerto Rico • Most provinces in Canada

Their laws were similar but often stronger:

- **Protection for children under 12 to 18**
- **Penalties of up to \$2,000 per violation**



**Arkansas' law originally passed in
2006 as Act 13.**



Don't lock your child in a gas chamber.

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STAMP OUT SMOKING
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your
Tobacco
Settlement
Dollars at
Work

1-800-QUIT-NOW

Smoking in a car with a child under 6 years and 60 pounds is against the law.

**Act 13 of 2006 only protected
children under 6 and weighing
less than 60 pounds.**





The law was amended in 2011 to now include children under 14.



Violators are fined \$25.

First-time offenders can avoid a fine by proving enrollment in a program to quit smoking.





**There is no safe level of exposure
to secondhand smoke.**

**Cigarette smoke contains more than
7,000 chemicals and compounds.**



**Hundreds are toxic.
At least 69 cause cancer.**

Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk for:



- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Lower respiratory infections
- Other respiratory symptoms
- Middle ear disease
- More severe asthma
- Slowed lung growth

Children are especially vulnerable to health effects of secondhand smoke because of developing respiratory, immune and nervous systems.



IN ARKANSAS

**470 PEOPLE
DIE EACH YEAR
FROM SECONDHAND
SMOKE**

**Almost 60 percent of U.S.
children (ages 3-11) are exposed
to secondhand smoke.**



**Secondhand smoke in cars can
exceed that in homes and bars by
10-100 times.**





**Smoke can stay trapped in cars,
even with open windows.**



**In a car, one burning cigarette can
equal hazard levels in the vicinity of
forest fires.**



Arkansas students who rode in a car with someone smoking one or more cigarettes in the past seven days:

- Middle school – 55.8% (in 2000)
down to 36.6% (in 2010)
- High school – 64.4% (in 2000)
down to 48.2% (in 2010)





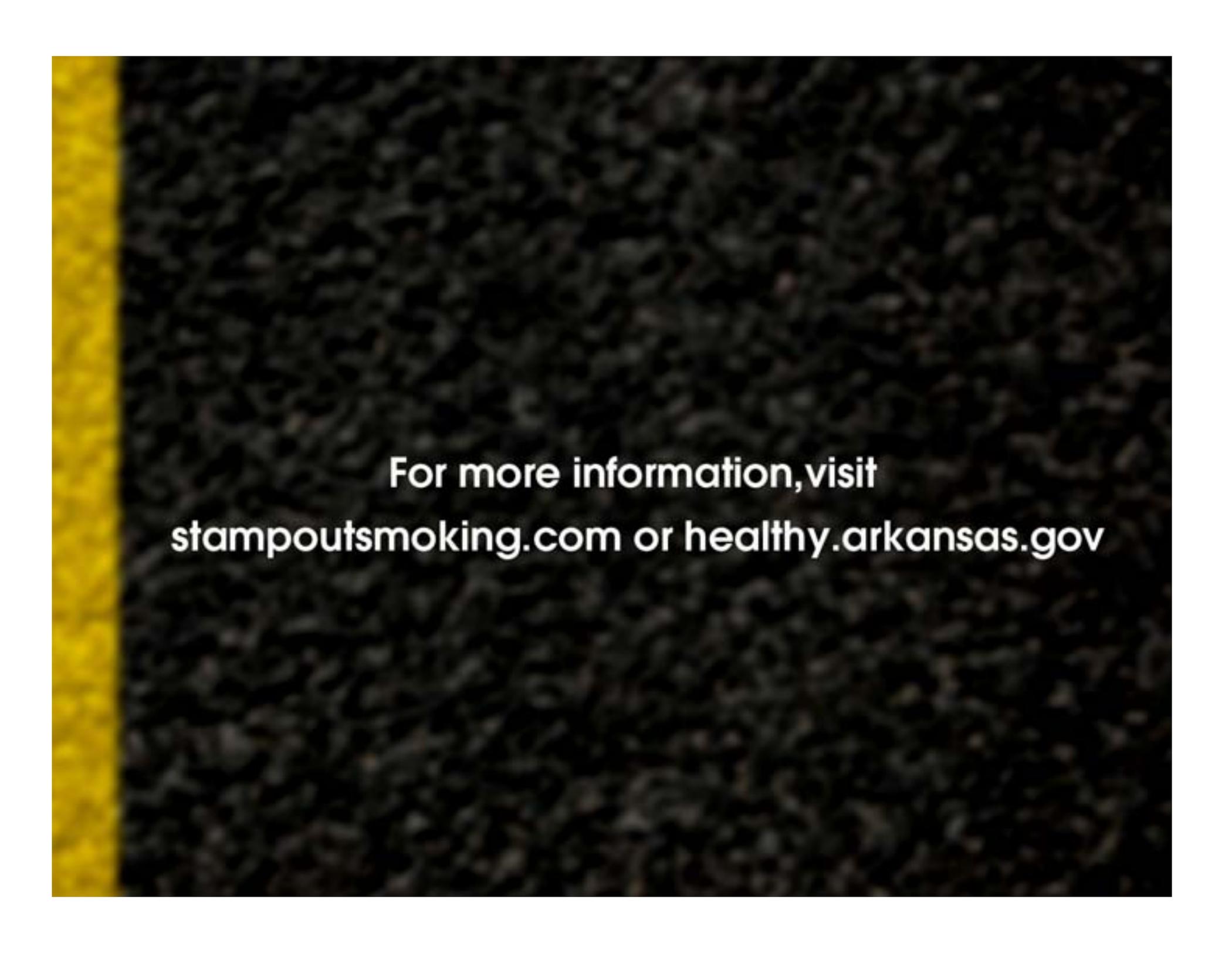
73% OF ARKANSAS

adults would support a stronger law,
protecting all children under 18 from
secondhand smoke in a car.

What can you do?

- Don't smoke in the car
- Don't let kids ride in smoke-filled cars
- Educate others about the danger
- Educate others about the law
- Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW





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SMOKE-FREE CARS

Smokers in California can be fined up to \$100 for smoking in a vehicle while any youth younger than the age of 18 are present.



Healthy Kids!

To quit smoking contact the California Smokers' Helpline at **1-800-NO-BUTTS, 1-800-45-NO-FUME** or www.NoButts.org for a free personalized quitting plan.

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