

Second-hand smoking: High prevalence among Jamaican youth.

Second-hand smoke has serious and often fatal health consequences. These include lung cancer deaths and heart disease deaths. Tobacco kills a third to half of all people who use it, on average 15 years prematurely. Today, tobacco use causes 1 in 10 deaths among adults worldwide – more than five million people a year. (Healthy Caribbean Coalition – The Bloomberg Global Initiative – To Reduce Tobacco Use)

The Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), 2006 indicates that 34.4% of students between the ages 13-15 years old live in homes where others smoke in their presence. Among the 13-15 age cohort 1 out of 10 are exposed to cigarette smoking 7 days each week at home.

The 2006 data indicate that 60% are around others who smoke in places outside their home. Two out of ten minors are exposed every day to cigarette smoking in public places.

The National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA) continues its efforts to gather data and monitor all aspects of the substance abuse problem providing information, encouraging rehabilitation and promoting healthy lifestyle options to the Jamaican people.

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Number of days being exposed to cigarette smoke at home, by age

Age	
Days	13 14 15
0	68 65 70
1 to 2	11 11 7
3 to 4	5 4 5
5 to 6	3 5 5
7	13 15 13
Total	100 100 100

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