

**More Adult Smokers in New York Living with Children
are Maintaining Smoke-free Homes**

Exposure to second-hand smoke is linked to cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses in non-smokers. As a result of strong smoke-free air laws in New York, the principal locus of exposure to second-hand smoke is in the homes of smokers, although the presence of children is strongly associated with rules against smoking.

- The percentage of smokers in New York who live with children and prohibit smoking in their homes significantly increased from 36% in 2003 to nearly 55% in 2009.
- In 2009, just 27% of smokers in New York living without children prohibited smoking in their homes.
- There are no significant differences between NY and the US as a whole.

**Percentage of Adult Smokers Who Report that Their Homes are 100%
Smoke-free by Presence of Children Younger than 18**

