



Smoking in Cars when Children & Young People are Present

In January 2009, the ACT Government released a consultation paper which looked at options for prohibiting smoking in motor vehicles when children and young people are present.

To find out what the children and young people of Canberra thought about smoking in cars, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) distributed a survey through a number of local schools and youth services.

The survey was also distributed to members of the CYPC's *ACTkids eMail Network*.

The CYPC received just over 150 responses to the survey, with the results showing that:

- 76% of children and young people would not be happy to sit in a car with someone who was smoking;

- 67% of children and young people think that adults should be banned from smoking in a car when there is a young person with them; and
- 56% of children and young people think that people should be banned from smoking in a car at any time.

The CYPC produced a full report of the survey outcomes, as well as a summary version that is accessible to children and young people.

The CYPC also provided a copy of the report to the ACT Minister for Health, Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, and the ACT Minister for Children & People, Mr Andrew Barr, MLA.

For further information, please phone the CYPC on 6205 2222, or email at ACTkids@act.gov.au.



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