



# Are You At Risk?

## Secondhand Fragrances are Like Secondhand Smoke!



- Fragrances are solvent-based and contain many of the same carcinogens as cigarette smoke.
- Fragrances contain phthalates, hormone-disrupting chemicals that are implicated in respiratory problems, cancer, asthma, allergies, and birth defects, particularly genital defects in babies.
- Fragrances invade the airspace of others without their permission.

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