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It has been fairly well accepted that a person's cigarette smoking is hazardous to his / her health.

Recently there has been concern that cigarette smoking could adversely affect the health of non-smokers exposed to the fumes (Huber, 1975).

Several studies have noted the substantial effects of cigarette smoke on "indoor pollution" (Bridge and Corn, 1972, Hoegg, 1972 and Schmeltz et al., 1975).

This work aims to show the effect of parental smoking on the incidence of respiratory illness in children up to 3 years in Benha in relation to passive smoking compared by control group of non smoking parents.

The work also aims to detect and determine nicotine and nicotine metabolite (cotinine) in urine in random sample of children of smoker's parents.