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The Royal College of Physicians is backing its call for an absolute ban on smoking in cars by claiming that inhaling second smoke in cars causes 22,000 cases of asthma in children yearly.

This is reminiscent of a claim made a few years ago that passive smoking could be the reason for increasing incidences of cot deaths. However, the loop hole in this theory was that between the years 1970 and 1988, when cot deaths shot up by 500%, there was a decline in the number of smokers from 45 to 30%.

The figures might be conflicting but the fact remains that cigarette smoke is harmful for children.

The report by the Royal College of Physicians claims that smoking in cars is one the most important and persistent ways in which children are introduced to smoking.

The report evinces that the most facile method of safeguarding children from harmful tobacco smoke is by implementing the ban on smoking in vehicles.

Anti-smoking campaigners recognize that this new revelation will give an impetus to their campaign. They hope that this report will discourage parents from smoking in the presence of their children.

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