

## Indoor Air Quality:

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The South Spencer County School Corporation is committed to maintaining school facilities and grounds in a way that promotes good IAQ for students, staff and visitors.

### Prevention:

SSCSC has two prevention policies in place at this time. 1) All building and campus facilities in the SSCSC are smoke-free 2) All facilities have No Idling Zones for corporation and private vehicles-Signs are posted

The American Lung Association recommends that the first line of defense against indoor air pollution is finding ways to keep the pollutants from being added to the air in the first place. This is known as source control. Appropriate ventilation with clean fresh air can also reduce levels of indoor air pollutants. Finally, while air cleaning devices can be useful, they are no substitute for preventing the air from getting dirty in the first place. Common air pollutants, their health effects and ways to control their sources are listed below:

#### **Biological Pollutants**

Include molds, bacteria, viruses, pollen, animal dander and particles from dust mites and cockroaches.

#### **Secondhand Tobacco Smoke**

Secondhand Smoke is a major indoor air pollutant. It contains some 200 known poisons, such as formaldehyde and carbon monoxide, and at least 60 chemicals known to cause cancer. Source control is basic: No one should smoke around children.

#### **Combustion Pollutants**

Combustion Pollutants come from sources such as fuel burning stoves, furnaces, fireplaces, heaters, and water heaters, using gas, oil, coal, wood, or other fuel.

#### **Radon**

Radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas, can enter the home through cracks in the foundation floor and walls, drains, and other openings

The above information and more regarding Indoor Air Quality can be found at the following website:

<http://www.lung.org/associations/charters/mid-atlantic/air-quality/indoor-air-quality.html>

Web resources and information sites:

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/iaq.html>

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/24347.htm>