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Given that the detrimental effects of second-hand smoke are well established, laws that ban smoking indoors in public should have a positive effect on the public's health. In this month's feature article, "Differential Impacts of Smoke-Free Laws on Indoor Air Quality," the authors assess the impacts of two different smoke-free laws on indoor air quality in Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky. The authors found that the law in Louisville, which still allowed smoking indoors under certain conditions, was not effective in reducing indoor air pollution, while the law in Lexington, which banned smoking indoors without exemptions, led to a 91 percent decrease in indoor particulate matter.

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