What tobacco products contribute to thirdhand smoke?

Tobacco products come in many different forms and shapes, including cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, little cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes, water pipes called hookah or shisha, dissolvable products, and smokeless tobacco products such as chew, spit and snuff.

All tobacco products are manufactured from the leaves of the tobacco plant. Some of toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke occur naturally in the tobacco plant, others are added or created during the manufacturing process, and others form when tobacco is burned.

All tobacco products can leave behind chemical residue. We know most about the toxic residue from burning tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes and hookah. Increased levels of thirdhand smoke have also been found in indoor environments where residents used smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and marijuana.

Sources


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