

## Sample Toulmin Model Argument Diagramming

### Smoking in Public Places Should be Banned

Smoking in public places should be banned, **(claim)** because it puts other people, especially children and pregnant women, at risk of breathing smoke from cigarettes. **(reasoning)** Smoking in public places also endangers people who have respiratory ailments. **(warrant)** Recent studies show that almost 80% of those who ingest secondhand smoke from public smokers have a higher risk of getting respiratory problems than smokers themselves. **(backing)**

Banning an act that causes problems to innocent civilians is helpful in many ways. **(warrant)** If smoking in public places is banned, we actually reduce or totally eradicate the danger of putting non-smokers at risk of developing lung and heart problems. **(backing)** Moreover, if we ban smoking in public places, we also stop the smokers from further increasing their chances of acquiring health problems for themselves. **(backing)**

While it can be said that not all people who smoke in public areas are always causing harm to others, **(qualifier)** it remains a fact that smoking per se is a cause of health problems. **(reasoning)** It is not enough to say that the size of affected people are relatively just a small fraction; **(rebuttal)** plenty or few, one person put at risk is more than enough. **(response)** It is only the case that smoking in public places, therefore, should be banned. **(claim)**