



Legislative Update

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Please read and forward to your colleagues and networks!

North Carolina Alliance for Health Launches NEW Smoke-Free Website!

The North Carolina Alliance for Health, in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA), announces the launch of our new website, www.smokefreenc.org. With just one click on this website, you can send an important message to your lawmakers that you want all worksites and public places in North Carolina to be smoke-free. Check it out now!

We need your help to spread the word about www.smokefreenc.org! Once you send your message, we need you to e-mail your friends, family and associates and tell them to visit this important website and take action today. Your challenge is to help us get 500 people to visit the site by June 14th.

It was almost two years ago that the U.S. Surgeon General reported that scientific evidence indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and that secondhand smoke is a major risk factor for heart disease. The CDC has concluded that "People at risk of coronary heart disease should avoid exposure to secondhand smoke." The only way to really eliminate exposure to the serious health risk is to breathe truly clean air.

North Carolinians shouldn't have to put their health at risk needlessly. It's up to each of us to speak up and we need to get others we know to join us. We ask that you join us as we prepare for the 2009 Long Session of the General Assembly -- our chance to pass statewide, comprehensive smoke-free legislation.

Visit www.smokefreenc.org today!

For additional information about the Alliance, please contact
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What *MORE* can you do to promote the secondhand smoke issue?

Visit the Alliance's new website dedicated to making all worksites and public places smoke-free in NC. Simply point and click to send a message to your legislators.

www.smokefreenc.org

Have your organization, its board members, staff and volunteers sign the Alliance's secondhand smoke resolution to demonstrate your support for making NC's worksites and public places smoke-free. Access the resolution by going to the Alliance's website at:

<http://www.ncallianceforhealth.org/resolution.html>

Also available on our website are fact sheets, talking points and other resources on secondhand smoke and the cigarette tax.

For additional information, go to
www.ncallianceforhealth.org
for talking points and other resources.

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