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# Tobacco Control in South Carolina

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# Tobacco Control

- ❑ Tobacco prevention and control is mostly about policy initiatives.
  - ❑ Policies have a long lasting impact and backed by law.
  - ❑ Found to reduce the use and also illness and death
  - ❑ Policy initiative usually include raising cigarette taxes, passing smoke free ordinances and mandating insurance coverage for cessation services and products.
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# Current Statistics

- The prevalence of smoking in the US is 20.2%  
Kentucky has highest rate at 28.6% and the lowest Utah at 9.8%
  - The prevalence of smoking in SC is 22.3%
  - Currently 22 states have passed smoke free laws covering close to 60% of population in the US  
(ME,MA,MD,MT,NH,NJ,NM,NY,OH,OR,RI  
VT,WA,UT,CA,CL,CT,DE,HA,IL (exempting bars  
(FL,LA,ID,NV)
  - Countries include Bermuda, Bhutan, England, France, Northern Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Uruguay and Wales
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# The Toll of tobacco in SC

- ❑ 729,500 daily smokers in SC
  - ❑ 5,900 deaths yearly in SC from smoking
  - ❑ 580-1,030 adult , children and babies who die prematurely each year from other people's smoke
  - ❑ 6,500 kids who become daily smokers every year.
  - ❑ Number one cancer killer in SC is lung cancer
  - ❑ Smoking major contributor of increased risk and death in other health problems
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# Financial Picture of Tobacco Control in SC

Received an “F” from the American Lung Association’s State of Tobacco Control: 2006

- ❑ FY appropriations \$3,035,198 (2006)
  - ❑ Ranks # 38 in state funding tobacco prevention programs.
  - ❑ CDC best practices range \$23,905,000-\$62,013,000
  - ❑ Lowest cigarette tax rate in the country of 20:7.
  - ❑ 280.3 million spent yearly in SC marketing from the tobacco industry
  - ❑ 1.09 billion spent annually to cover health care costs from tobacco use.
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# Disparities

- ❑ In SC African American rate for smoking is 17.1% (SCBRFSS, 2006)
- ❑ Hispanics/Latinos 26.7%(SCBRSS, 2006)
- ❑ The number one cancer killer for African American male and female is Lung cancer mortality for whites was 61.3 (per100,000) For African Americans it was 54.6(per100,000) (2004 SCCA Report card)
- ❑ In SC we are only 29% of population but are disproportionately impacted with increase risk for death and disease caused by tobacco use.
- ❑ Reasons include inadequate funding, lack of culturally appropriate funding, targeted marketing, lack of access to primary and secondary tobacco resources
- ❑ Communities of color are more likely to be exposed in the workplace

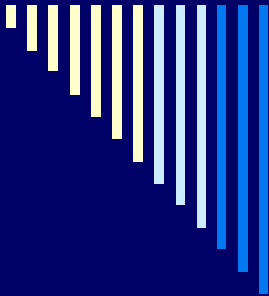


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# Finally, some good news

- ❑ 11 local laws passed. They include Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Hilton Head, Sullivan's Island, Bluffton, Liberty, Beaufort County, Surfside Beach (1<sup>st</sup> beach in the state), Aiken County and Mt. Pleasant. Others communities are considering smoke free status.
  - ❑ Colleges and many hospitals are now smoke free
  - ❑ Cigarette tax increase bill is being considered.
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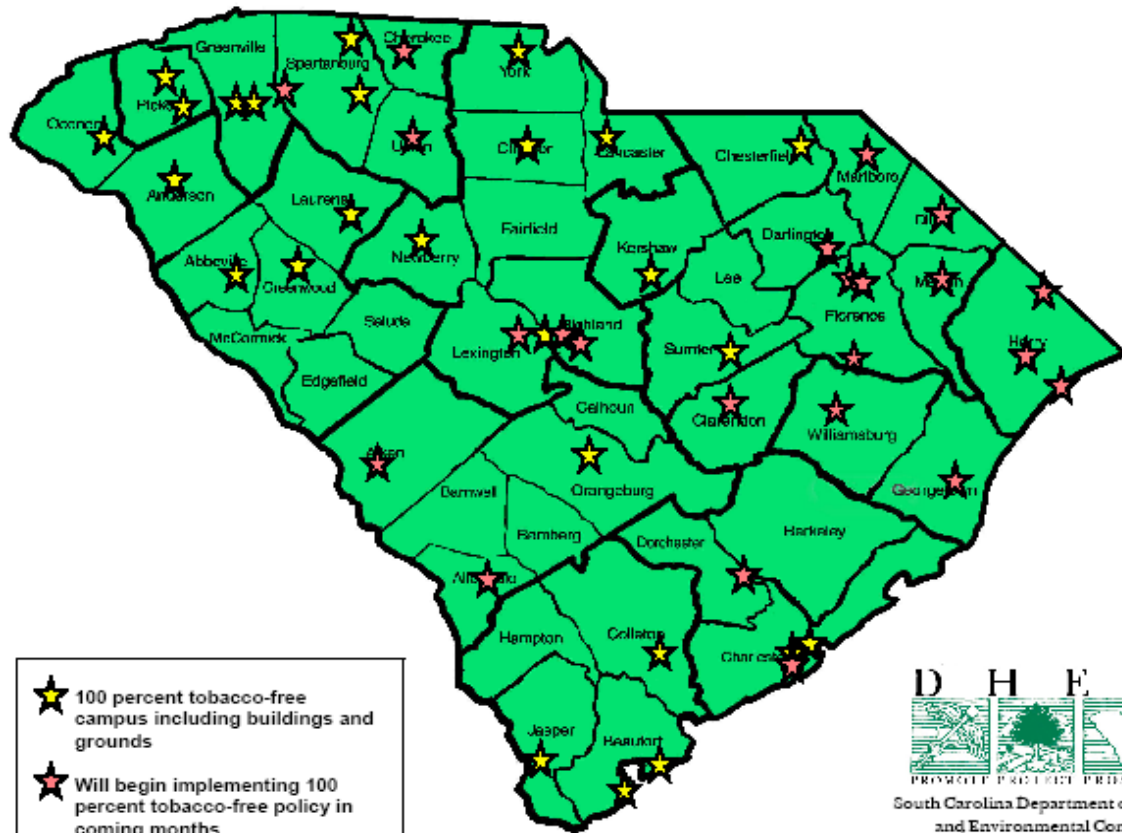
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# Colleges

- Lander and Allen University completely smoke free. Grounds and buildings
  - Claflin, Clemson, COC, Morris, Newberry, USC, Voorhees, Winthrop, Benedict have restrictive policies where smoking is allowed in designated areas.
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Updated 7/11/07



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  - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
  - Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control
  - Updated 7/11/07
  - S.C. Hospitals with 100 Percent Tobacco-Free Policies Including Buildings and Grounds
  - 1. Abbeville Area Medical Center, Abbeville
  - 2. Aiken Regional Medical Centers, Aiken\*\*
  - 3. Allendale County Hospital, Fairfax\*\*
  - 4. AnMed Health, Anderson
  - 5. Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Beaufort
  - 6. Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, Charleston
  - 7. Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Greenville
  - 8. Cannon Memorial Hospital, Pickens
  - 9. The Carolina Center for Behavioral Health, Greer\*\*
  - 10. Carolinas Hospital System, Florence\*\*
  - 11. Chester Regional Hospital, Chester
  - 12. Chesterfield General Hospital, Cheraw
  - 13. Coastal Carolina Center Medical Center, Hardeeville
  - 14. Clarendon Memorial Hospital, Manning\*\*
  - 15. Colleton Medical Center, Walterboro
  - 16. Conway Medical Center, Conway\*
  - 17. Georgetown Hospital System, Georgetown\*\*
  - 18. Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach\*
  - 19. Greenville Hospital System, Greenville
  - 20. Hilton Head Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head
  - 21. Kershaw County Medical Center, Camden
  - 22. Lake City Community Hospital, Lake City\*\*
  - 23. Laurens County Health Care System, Clinton
  - 24. Lexington Medical Center, Lexington\*\*
  - 25. Loris Healthcare System, Loris\*
  - 26. Marion County Medical Center, Marion\*\*
  - 27. Marlboro Park Hospital, Bennettsville\*\*
  - 28. Mary Black Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg
  - 29. McLeod Medical Center Darlington, Darlington\*
  - 30. McLeod Medical Center Dillon, Dillon\*
  - 31. McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence\*
  - 32. Newberry County Memorial Hospital, Newberry
  - 33. Oconee Memorial Hospital, Seneca
  - 34. Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia
  - 35. Palmetto Health Baptist Easley, Easley
  - 36. Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia\*\*
  - 37. Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill
  - 38. The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties, Orangeburg
  - 39. Roper Hospital, Charleston
  - 40. Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood
  - 41. Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals\*\*, Columbia
  - 42. Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg
  - 43. Springs Memorial Hospital, Lancaster
  - 44. Summerville Medical Center, Summerville\*\*
  - 45. Trident Medical Center, Charleston\*\*
  - 46. Tuomey Healthcare System, Sumter
  - 47. Upstate Carolina Medical Center, Gaffney\*\*
  - 48. Wallace Thomson Hospital, Union\*\*
  - 49. Williamsburg Regional Hospital, Kingstree\*\*
- \* Policy to be implemented January 1, 2008  
\*\* Policy to be implemented November 15, 2007  
\*\*\* Policy to be implemented on or before November



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# Problems facing SC

- District Court upheld Sullivan's Island smoke free status, Greenville's overturned.
  - Final ruling to come from SC Supreme Court
  - Issue is question of whether or not local jurisdictions have the ability to pass local laws stronger than state law.
  - If court rules against Sullivan's Island, it will negate all laws passed
  - Pre-emption.
  - Legislators attempted to attach pre-emption to tobacco bills introduced during legislative session. Tobacco Industry produced the language for the bills
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# We need your help

- ❑ Session beginning in January will probably resurrect the pre-emption battle.
  - ❑ Our rallying cry is local control. Local municipalities must have the ability to pass laws reflecting the wishes of its constituents.
  - ❑ Pressure needs to be put on all senate and house members to support local control
  - ❑ If pre-emption prevails, will set our state back many years
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