

BEING SMOKE-FREE IS GOOD BUSINESS!



Economic studies show smoke-free policies do not cause a loss of business, especially when you advertise your change in policy. Please consider these smoke-free business facts...

Smoke-free policies reduce:

- Insurance costs and fire risks
- Cleaning and repair costs
- Employee absenteeism

Other Benefits

- Disability claims due to secondhand smoke exposure are eliminated when you go smoke-free.
- Smoke-free policies help smokers quit.
- Free telephone counseling is available to help tobacco users quit. Tobacco users can call the S.C. Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) anytime from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m.

You Do the Math!

- The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that smoking costs employers \$3,391 per smoker per year based on \$1,623 in direct medical expenditures and \$1,768 in lost productivity.
- Employees who take four 10 minute breaks a day to smoke actually work one month less per year than workers who don't take smoking breaks.
- Smokers, on average, miss 6.2 days of work per year due to sickness compared to nonsmokers who miss 3.9 days of work per year.
- Fire insurance is commonly reduced 25-30 percent in smoke-free businesses.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that smoke-free businesses save about \$190 per 1,000 square feet in lower cleaning and maintenance costs per year.

No level of secondhand smoke is safe! You can provide a healthy environment for your employees and customers by going smoke-free while improving your bottom line and increasing worker productivity. **Give us a call to get started!** (Please see contact info on reverse.)



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Contact us to get started!

Please locate your county and contact number from the list below.

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Anderson

- (864) 260-5541

Oconee

- (864) 882-2245

Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda

- (864) 942-3600

Region 2

Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union

- (864) 596-2227 ext. 289

Greenville and Pickens

- (864) 596-2227 ext. 289

Region 3

Chester, Lancaster, York, Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland

- (803) 576-2854

Region 4

Chesterfield Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro

- (843) 413-6433

Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter

- (843) 413-6433

Region 5

Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg

- (803) 533-7276

Region 6

Georgetown and Williamsburg

- (843) 915-8770

Horry

- (843) 915-8839

Region 7

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- (843) 579-4523

Region 8

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper

- (843) 525-7622



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