

Smoke-free Efforts in Lancaster County, SC

Lancaster is one of eight counties to have a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance. Since 2013, the adult smoking rate has dropped from 22.4% to 19%. Through joint efforts, we can reduce this rate even further.

- Smoke-free Ordinance #1167, effective March 1, 2013, that covers indoor workplaces, restaurants, and bars.
- Incorporate inclusive language about vaping and e-cigarettes.

Eliminate Exposure



- Do all affected facilities have appropriate signage and receptacles?
- Do all affected employers have appropriate language on their employment applications?
- Verify that this ordinance is part of the county permitting & inspection process.
- Research what the County has done in regards to Section 23-62 - Governmental Agency Cooperation.

Infrastructure & Enforcement



- **S.C. Tobacco Quitline** 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- **Smokefree.gov** offers free text messaging
- **Kick Butts Day** – March 20, 2019
- **Great American Smokeout** – November 21, 2019
- Visual aids & testimonials
- Student involvement

Promote Quitting



- Colleges & Universities
- K-12 Schools
- Faith Based Organizations
- Parks & Recreation Settings
- Healthcare Facilities
- Nursing Homes
- Festivals/Outdoor Events
- Multi-Unit Housing
- Tobacco 21 Resolution

Targeted Policies



Section 23-61. Public Education. *“The Lancaster County Health and Wellness Commission shall engage in a continuing program to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this article to citizens affected by it, and to guide owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it. The program may include publication of a brochure for affected business and individuals explaining the provisions of this article.”*