



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

TOBACCO FREE POLICY

The Town of Washington is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for our employees and the general public.

The United States Surgeon General, in his 1986 report on involuntary smoking concluded:

1. Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers.
2. The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke.
3. In 1993, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), classified environmental tobacco smoke as a Group A carcinogen, that is, a substance known to cause cancer in humans. The EPA recognizes no safe level of exposure for Group A carcinogens.

In light of these findings, all Town of Washington buildings shall be entirely tobacco free.

Tobacco use will be strictly prohibited within all township owned buildings including offices, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, lunchrooms, meeting rooms and all community work areas. This policy applies to all employees, clients, contractors and visitors.

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of tobacco users and non-tobacco users. All employees share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.