

Tobacco Free Worksites

**Find out how tobacco free worksite policies
can impact your bottom line**

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Hernando County Health Department, the Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition and the Florida Department of Health

Top Reasons to Consider Tobacco Free Worksite Policies

- ◆ **Conveys the message that your organization cares about providing a safe and healthy workplace.** Being tobacco-free shows employees, staff, visitors and the community that your organization cares about everyone's health.
- ◆ **Reduces employee absenteeism.** Tobacco-free environments translate to reduced absenteeism and increased productivity. Smokers are absent from work due to sickness at least 26% more than non-smokers.
- ◆ **Reduces healthcare costs.** Tobacco-related diseases cause increased health care costs and premiums. Health care costs for smokers are as much as 40% higher than those of non-smokers.
- ◆ Smokers have twice as many **on-the-job accidents and are 50 percent more likely to be hospitalized** than workers who do not smoke.
- ◆ In Florida, **annual health care costs** directly caused by smoking is estimated at about \$6.32 billion dollars, and **smoking-caused productivity losses** in Florida are \$6.47 billion dollars.
- ◆ Residents' **state and federal tax burden** from smoking-causes government expenditures is approximately \$600 per household. Amounts do not include health costs caused by exposure to secondhand smoke, smoking-caused fires, spit tobacco use or cigar and pipe smoking.
- ◆ **Reduces the risk of fire.**
- ◆ **Reduces maintenance costs due to tobacco litter.**

