



Tobacco-Free Onondaga County

Commitment to Our Community

Agreement to prohibit tobacco use in outdoor areas

According to U.S. Surgeon General Carmona in the June 2006 report on secondhand smoke:

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Secondhand smoke leads to many serious illnesses including asthma, respiratory infections and cardiovascular disease.

According to the Community Survey of Adult Residents in Onondaga County, June 2006:

- An overwhelming majority of Onondaga County respondents (89.4%) consider secondhand smoke to be harmful; 67.8% indicated they believe it is *very harmful*. Over 70% of *current smokers* consider exposure to secondhand smoke to be harmful.
- There appears to be a large level of support for reducing second-hand smoke exposure at public outdoor locations, with over 70% of residents supporting either restricting or completely eliminating cigarette smoking at public beaches, parks, playgrounds, hospitals and medical facilities, outdoor music festivals and concerts, and areas around public building entryways.
- *Even among current cigarette smokers*, there is a large degree of support for restricting smoking in public outdoor venues. For example, 77.1% of *Onondaga County current smokers* believe that smoking at playgrounds should be restricted, 77.5% believe that smoking on the grounds of a medical facility or hospital should be restricted, and 73.2% believe that smoking around public building entryways should be restricted.

Therefore, I the undersigned agree to:

- Prohibit tobacco use in all outdoor areas
 - Have Signage
 - Need Signage
- Restrict tobacco use within 50 feet of building entranceways
- Other _____

Organization/Event/Facility

Contact Person

Full Address

Phone Number

Date

Please complete this "Commitment to Our Community" and return it to Tobacco-Free Onondaga County in the pre-paid postage envelope or fax to: 315-435-3613.

Thank you!