



Sustainability

Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

Mission and Core Values

To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

Respect, Culture, Family, Responsibility to Community, Humility, Health, Love, Community, Empowerment,

Smoke Free Spaces

Expanding Smoke Free Communities: New Mexico Community Profile

This profile provides a New Mexico case study. The goal is to make sure all 8,000 residents living in multi-unit public housing complexes are protected from secondhand smoke exposure in their home. Read the community profile [here](#).



Community Success

Santa Fe Plaza goes smoke free year-round!

Smokers may spark a police encounter if they get caught puffing on a cigarette, pipe, vaporizer or any other smoking device on the historic downtown Plaza.

The Santa Fe City Council voted 7-1 Wednesday, May 10 to prohibit smoking on the Plaza. The initial proposal called for outlawing smoking on the Plaza during the Santa Fe Bandstand music series, which draws large crowds, but the council approved an amendment that outlaws smoking on the Plaza year-round.



City Councilor Renee Villarreal said cigarette butts were the "biggest trash item" volunteers picked up during a Plaza cleanup over the weekend, even though the city provides containers for smokers to extinguish and dispose of their cigarettes.

"This is a constant thing for our parks staff. To me, this is a no-brainer," she said.

Six people spoke in favor of the part-time smoking ban, including representatives of the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco. The ban drew no opposition from the public at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Several of the speakers, many of whom don't live in Santa Fe, encouraged the council to enact an outright smoking ban on the Plaza.

"Smoking is a choice, but breathing is a right," said Poqueen Rivera, an Albuquerque resident who is the government relations director for the American Heart Association. "Personal freedom does not include the right to harm other people."

Cancer survivor Judy Towers of Santa Fe said secondhand smoke exposes people to dozens of cancer-causing chemicals.

"Secondhand smoke is almost as bad as direct inhalation," she said. "I think people should enjoy the fresh air and the time they're out and not have to breathe in fumes. So, thank you for taking this step forward to help protect our community."

Read the full article [here](#).

Event Calendar

What's going on in the community.

Tobacco - a threat to development

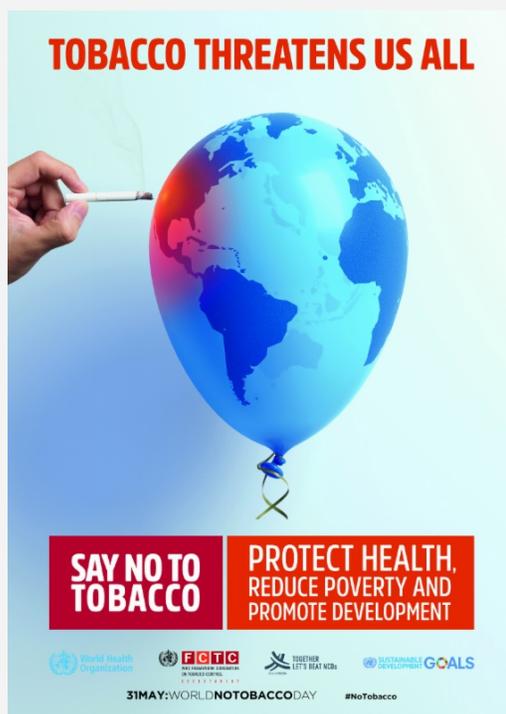
Every year, on May 31st, The World Health Organization and partners mark [World No Tobacco Day](#), highlighting the health and additional risks associated with tobacco use, and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption.

About this year's campaign

- It will demonstrate the threats that the tobacco industry poses to the sustainable development of all countries, including the health and economic well-being of their citizens.
- It will propose measures that governments and the public should take to promote health and development by confronting the global tobacco crisis.

Click [here](#) to learn more about World No Tobacco Day and how commercial tobacco use affects the earth.

Click [here](#) to see the full event calendar. If you have an event in your area that you would like to add to our calendar, please share it with us [here](#).



What now?

Moving Forward.

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events, topics, and successes.

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