

SAMPLE POLICY



City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____

GUIDELINE STATEMENT

The City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____ Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy, Young Lungs at Play, is designed to protect the health welfare and safety of our park patrons.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____ is committed to providing a high quality of living for all residents. Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, leaders, coaches and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO FREE FACILITIES

The City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____ does not allow the use of tobacco products on City/Township/Borough/Municipality owned park land, park facilities, open space or joint City/Township/Borough/Municipality school district properties.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Park policy is through voluntary compliance:

1. Appropriate town owned park land, park facilities, open space or joint town/school district properties will post Young Lungs at Play signage.
2. City/Township/Borough/Municipality staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the "Tobacco-Free" regulations.
3. City/Township/Borough/Municipality staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance and help to promote awareness of the tobacco-free policy.

Policy Adoption Date: _____ Mayor/Council/Supervisor _____
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Clerk: _____