

## *Entryway and Outdoor Policies*

People should not be forced to walk through a wall of smoke when entering public buildings. The Surgeon General has declared that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke. It can trigger allergies, asthma attacks and other breathing problems.

Parks, playgrounds, beaches and other recreational areas should be places that people can go to enjoy the outdoors, breathe fresh air and exercise. They should not have to be exposed to secondhand smoke. Another public health concern is tobacco litter which is hazardous to children and wildlife. Over 500 municipalities throughout the state have implemented such policies which are listed on TobaccoFreeNYS.org.

TAC is working with businesses and community organizations to implement voluntary entryway bans, as well as, educating local municipalities about the benefits of adopting tobacco use regulations for outdoor recreational areas such as playgrounds, parks and beaches.

### **ENTRYWAY BANS**

- Nassau & Suffolk Counties, Cities of Long Beach and Glen Cove, Towns of Brookhaven, Babylon, Riverhead, Smithtown, Southampton, Southold and Oyster Bay, Villages of Farmingdale, Port Washington North, Southampton, Great Neck, Plainview Water District and Farmingdale Fire Department
- Libraries: Amityville, Commack, Comsewogue, Glen Cove, Hampton Bays, Hicksville, Island Park, Levittown, Long Beach Longwood, Mattituck-Laurel, Mineola, North Bellmore, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, Plainview-Old Bethpage, Riverhead, Rogers Memorial Library, South Country, Syosset, Uniondale and Westhampton
- Air Techniques, Atria, Arbors of Westbury, Broadway Mall, Central Nassau Guidance & Counseling, Davis Ethical Pharmacy, DDI, Farmingdale Plaza Rental Complex, Glen Cove Youth Council, Heart & Health Medical, Ormond Park Realty, Premier Diner, Skills Unlimited, Somerset Gardens, Synergy in Balance and United Way, DDI

### **TOBACCO FREE GROUNDS POLICIES**

- Nassau County, Suffolk County, Towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, Hempstead, Huntington, Islip, Manhasset Park District, North Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Riverhead, Smithtown and Great Neck Park District
- Villages of East Hampton, Floral Park, Garden City, Great Neck, Lynbrook, New Hyde Park, North Haven, Port Jefferson, Port Washington North, Southampton, Valley Stream, Westbury and the City of Glen Cove.
- Libraries: Bayport-Blue Point, Bellmore, Bethpage, Farmingdale, Freeport, Great Neck, Locust Valley, Longwood, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Merrick, Port Washington, Rockville Centre, Seaford and Westbury
- Advantage Visions, AHRC Suffolk, Bethpage Federal, Camp Pa Qua Tuck, City of Glen Cove Senior Center, Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church, Greenlawn Equestrian Center, Greenview Baker Boys & Girls Club, Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, Little Shelter Animal Rescue, Ingenious Designs, Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, Long Island GLBT Services Network, Maryhaven, Modern Dentistry, Ocean Resort Inn, Quogue Wildlife Rescue, St. Margaret Episcopal Church, S & S Repair Center, Sunshine Prevention Center, Sweetbriar Nature Center, and UCP of Suffolk, Bethpage Federal Credit Union

TAC can provide technical assistance in developing smoke free bans and policies. Free signage is also available. For more information please contact:

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