



World No Tobacco Day

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated around the world every year on May 31st. The World Health Organization created the day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.

The theme for the 2007 World No Tobacco Day is smoke-free environments. Here in New York State, under the Clean Indoor Air Act, we benefit from clean, smoke-free indoor air, but there is still more work to be done. Local groups are working to create smoke-free outdoor areas as well. The counties of Putnam, Orange, Westchester and Rockland are working together as part of POWR Against Tobacco to gain community support for action. Orange County Reality Check, the youth led movement to expose the deceptive and manipulative tactics of the tobacco industry, will also be working to create and gain support for smoke free outdoor areas.

World No Tobacco day can be a day to be smoke-free or find out what you can do to help reduce tobacco in your community. The Orange County Department of Health can also help individuals quit with free smoking cessation services, to find the free service that is right for you just call 845-568-5238.

For more information please visit the following:

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/communications/events/wntd/2007/en/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/index.htm>

<http://www.nysmokefree.com/newweb/default.aspx>

<http://www.powragainsttobacco.org/contact.html>