



Kittitas County Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

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Smoking In Public Places Ordinance Passes

On June 18th, 2009, the Kittitas County Commissioners approved a county ordinance for smoking in public places. The statewide Smoking In Public Places Law (RCW 70.160) went into effect in December of 2005. The adoption of the county ordinance includes two significant differences from the RCW. The county ordinance prohibits smoking wherever tobacco or tobacco products are sold and subjects to the penalties under Title 18 of Kittitas County code.



Kittitas County Tobacco Free Champions

In May and June, the Kittitas County Tobacco Prevention and Control completed several tobacco compliance checks within Kittitas County. Thank you to the following stores for **not selling** tobacco products to our youth: Red's Fly Shop, Vantage Riverstone Resort, Vantage Main Street Station, Starlite Resort, RV Town, Toad's Express Mart, Canyon Road Chevron, Super I Foods, Ellensburg Safeway, Chew N Butts, Cle Elum 76, Cle Elum Safeway, The Cottage Café, and the Roslyn Natural Market.

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Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) 2009

Our last TATU training was presented at Ellensburg High School on November 12th, 2008. Since November, **282 Kittitas County youth received presentations from TATU mentors during the 1008-2009 school year.**

On May 27th, 2009, ten TATU 8th graders completed a day of team building at Lazy F Camp.

These ten young ladies provided 6 presentations and reached 155 elementary school students.



Free Immunization Clinic

On April 18th, 2009, The Public Health Department held the annual Free Immunization Clinic. Three TATU youth volunteered their time to host a booth during the event. While the clinic staff provided 18 fluoride varnishes, and over 101 shots to 28 kids, TATU volunteers presented information about the dangers of tobacco and handed out free No Stank You sunglasses.



TPCP Funding Cuts

The Legislature passed a budget which had significant impacts for the state funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Account, the primary source of funding for the program and the tobacco prevention contracts that come to local health jurisdictions.

The budget reduced authorization for program spending by \$5 million in this current budget year. This has resulted in a significant roll back of program activities including the request that LHJ's implement a voluntary cut of any non-critical spending until June 30, 2009.

For the 2009-2011 biennium, the spending authority for the program is reduced by \$22 million, or about 43%. That translates to an annual appropriation of about \$15 million instead of the previous level of over \$26.24 million. The budget also contained guidance language for the program to suspend paid advertising during the biennium.

For Kittitas County Tobacco Prevention and Control program, the funding reduction translates into the reduction of staff hours and some Tobacco Prevention and Control activities including youth cessation and other retailer compliance checks.

Compliance Check Rates

Kittitas County Youth Tobacco Compliance Check Rates

Synar Compliance Checks—100% compliant!

Non-Synar Compliance Checks—44% Compliant.

Total non compliance at 12%

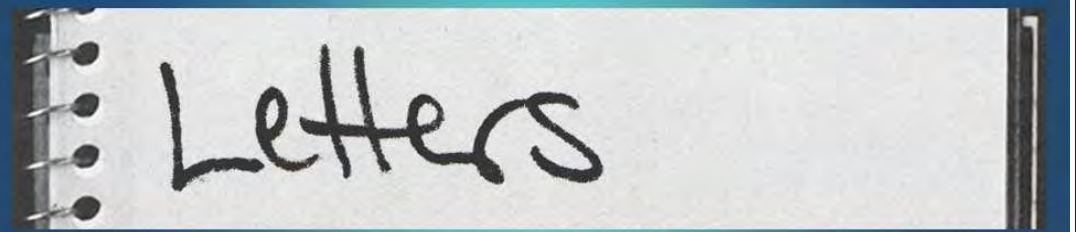
Synar Compliance Checks are named after **Michael Lynn "Mike" Synar** ([October 17, 1950 - January 9, 1996](#)) who was an American [Democratic politician](#). Mike Synar was an ardent foe of the tobacco industry. The State Department of Health distributes the Synar compliance checks with the list of required retailers that the local health department must visit.



2009 - What's New

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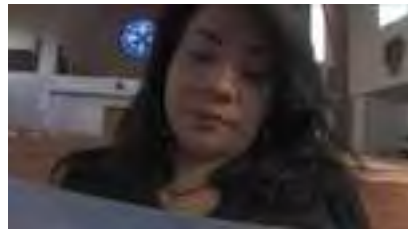
We're on the web at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/health/tobacco/>



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