

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

**Year 1 Interventions
October 1, 1993 - September 30, 1994**

CHANNEL: **Community Environment/Policy**

ASSIST NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

By 1998, sites will substantially increase and strengthen public support for policies which a) mandate clean indoor air; b) restrict access to tobacco by minors; c) increase economic incentives and taxation to discourage the use of tobacco products; and d) restrict the advertising and promotion of tobacco.

ANNUAL OBJECTIVE #1:

Work to pass Department of Labor and Industries' regulations on eliminating Environmental Tobacco Smoke from nonindustrial worksites.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Washington Clean Indoor Air Act does not address environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) in the workplace. The recent release of the EPA report on ETS provides the necessary justification to potential opposition, i.e., restaurant owners, small business owners, and smokers for requiring workplaces to eliminate the health hazards of ETS in the workplace. Clearly, comprehensive L & I regulations on ETS in the workplace would be a significant accomplishment for tobacco control advocates. It is important to have a statewide strategy, statewide dissemination of information and grass roots collaboration and support. L & I is currently developing the regulations and will be holding public hearings for input on the regulations. Tobacco control advocates have an opportunity to present their views and influence policy changes.

ACTIVITIES:

Activity: In collaboration with the other Worksites and Policy Task Forces around the state, work to ensure that Labor and Industries passes strict regulations regarding smoking in the workplace.