

Contact Information

The TEC is looking for enthusiastic and committed community members who are interested in joining the Coalition's efforts in advocating for a tobacco-free Santa Cruz County. We are especially interested in youth members.

For more information about our meetings or membership requirements call 454-5412 or email tara.leonard@santacruzcounty.us.

If you have general questions about tobacco or smoking, call 454-4141.

For smoking violations call 454-4319 or tara.leonard@santacruzcounty.us.

For more information and tobacco related resources you may visit our website and Facebook page:
<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/tobacco>
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About the Coalition

The Santa Cruz County Tobacco Education Coalition (TEC) is a non-profit partnership of people and organizations committed to promoting and advocating a tobacco-free lifestyle and environment at the local, state, and national levels.

We empower our communities to effect individual and social change through education, advocacy, collaboration, and coordination of resources.

The Coalition recognizes individual rights and cultural traditions, while encouraging community responsibility and involvement.

The TEC includes representatives from agencies, schools, local community-based organizations, and individuals with special interest or expertise in tobacco control.

Coalition Accomplishments

- **Creating** smoke-free beaches and parks in Santa Cruz and Capitola
- **Maintaining** compliance with smoke-free workplace laws
- **Reducing** access to tobacco among youth
- **Advocating** for non-smokers rights
- **Encouraging** apartment residents and managers to create smoke-free living areas
- **Working** with local law enforcement to create smoke-free jail facilities
- **Educating** community agencies about adopting tobacco-free donations/sponsorship policies
- **Collaborating** with local agencies to create smoke-free event policies

Join the Coalition

TEC Meetings are held quarterly on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Too busy to attend meetings?

Membership is defined as participation in one or more TEC activity per year, including the following:

- Participate in letter writing or public speaking campaigns to educate local decision makers and the general public about tobacco issues.
- Participate in developing TEC work plans.
- Participate in tobacco control projects, activities, and/or events, including health fairs, public meetings, or tobacco litter clean-ups.