

Nev. gets nearly all F's in annual tobacco control report

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The American Lung Association's 2018 State of Tobacco Control report, which grades states on policies to prevent and reduce tobacco use, shows that Nevada lags in anti-tobacco measures.

The 16th annual report graded states in five categories, with Nevada receiving four F's and a C. It received an F in tobacco prevention and control program funding, tobacco taxes, access to cessation services and minimum age. The state got a C in the Smoke Free Air category.

Nevada's leading cause of preventable death is tied to tobacco use, with 4,050 deaths attributed to smoking between 2005-2009, the study showed. The state sees \$1.08 billion in health care costs due to smoking each year.

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