# **RESOURCES TO ADDRESS TOBACCO USE & EXPOSURE**

# SAVE LIVES AND MONEY -TOBACCO-FREE POLICIES:

- Protect worker health.
- Support employees who are trying to quit.
- Reduce maintenance and insurance costs.
- Prevent employees from starting to use tobacco products.

#### MAINE LAW

Requires employers to have a written smoking policy.

### **GET ASSISTANCE**

Free policy technical assistance, including tobacco-free signs, available through local District Tobacco Prevention Partners, find local contact: <u>CTIMaine.org/dtpp</u>

#### BREATHEEASYMAINE.ORG

#### SUPPORT EMPLOYEES - CONNECT THEM TO THE MAINE QUITLINK

- A tobacco-free environment helps create a safer, healthier workplace for everyone.
- Overall, employees who do not smoke take fewer sick days. Those who use tobacco miss an average of 6.2 days per year as a result of illness, whereas non-smokers only miss an average of 3.9 days.
- Almost 70% of smokers want to quit. Your workplace can help by connect them to proven resources.
- Tobacco users who want to quit may have more of a reason to do so when your organization goes tobacco-free.

## FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

1-800-QUIT-NOW & <u>MaineQuitLink.com</u>



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