

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

Given that the use of smokeless tobacco (snuff and chewing tobacco) is associated with health risks, the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA): 1) supports publicizing the increasing evidence that the use of snuff or chewing tobacco is associated with adverse health effects and encourages ongoing research to further define the health risks associated with snuff and chewing tobacco, including the risk of developing cardiovascular disease, and the effectiveness of cessation and prevention programs; 2) encourages the passage of laws, ordinances and regulations that would set the minimum age for purchasing smokeless tobacco products at 21 years; 3) urges strict enforcement of laws prohibiting the sale of smokeless tobacco products to minors; 4) encourages our state to strictly enforce the prohibition on purchasing and distributing smokeless tobacco products to minors; and 5) urges that the same requirements and taxes placed on cigarette sales and advertising be applied to smokeless tobacco products.

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