



Vilas County Public Health Department

330 Court Street

Eagle River, WI 54521

715-479-3656 • 866-845-2726 • Fax: 715-479-3741

For Immediate Release: April 4, 2018

Contact: Tammi Boers, Vilas County Public Health Department: 715-479-3757,
taboer@vilascountywi.gov

Reminder: Tobacco Use Causes Many Cancers, Including Oral, Head and Neck



Terrie Hall suffered from throat cancer as a result of smoking and was featured in several national advertisements for CDC's Tips from Former Smokers campaign. Hall died from her cancer in 2013 at the age of 53.

Vilas County Public Health Department would like residents to know that the effects of tobacco use go beyond lung cancer. To support National Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer Awareness Week (April 10-16), the Health Department would like to remind tobacco users that tobacco use also causes cancers of the mouth, nose, and throat.

Besides causing these cancers, tobacco use and smoking can interfere with cancer treatment. Also, cancer patients and survivors who continue to smoke have a greater chance of their cancer reoccurring or dying of other causes.

The good news is that individuals that smoke or use tobacco can cut their chances of these cancers by half within five years of quitting. Quitting can be very difficult and it may take several attempts but in the end, it will be worth it. For information on the benefits of quitting, visit <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-benefits>

Tobacco users can receive free help by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW.

For more on local tobacco prevention and control efforts, contact Tammi Boers, Community Health Coordinator, Vilas County Public Health Department, 715-479-3757.

###