

It just took passing one law to give Wisconsin something the state has never had before: an "A" grade from the American Lung Association. On the group's latest smoking report card survey of the nation, Wisconsin gains its first "A" grade ever for smokefree air. That grade comes after the enactment of the state's workplace smoking ban. Wisconsin also gets a "B" for cigarette taxes, which are now some of the highest in the nation. But it is two F's for the state in the areas of money spent on non-smoking cessation and control programs. The Lung Association also marks Minnesota and Iowa with A's for smokefree air but both states also do poorly in smoking prevention and quit efforts.