

MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY  
HEALTH, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL & WATER QUALITY DISTRICT BOARDS

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Establish policies and advocate for conditions supportive of healthy people, environments, and community.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The Missoula City-County Health, Air Pollution Control, and Water Quality District Boards proactively work to operate from the following principles:

1. Respect the dignity of every individual and strive to understand the cultural diversity of those we serve, protect, or regulate.
2. Assure debate and decisions are grounded in science (best and promising practices) and consider community values.
3. Use population-based strategies as the best way to help the most people and which maximize return on investment.
4. Employ prevention at the earliest opportunity—acknowledging that improved surveillance is a key aspect of effective prevention.
5. Communicate proactively with the community to clarify the Department's mission, goals, and ongoing activities.
6. Promote partnerships with all stakeholders in an open public process, creating incentives for optimal public health outcomes.
7. Protect our constitutional right to a clean and healthy environment.
8. Advocate to improve social justice—identifying and addressing the effects that socioeconomic disparity has on public health.
9. Choose approaches that strengthen the impact of programs across the public health system.
10. Provide leadership at local, state and regional levels in public health issues.
11. Recognize emerging issues and the evolving territory of public health and prioritize the key areas to focus on, considering the resources available.
12. Recognize both community and personal responsibility as essential in improving public health.