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**New York State Office of Public Health Education Motion
Picture Photograph, Release, and Script files A3270**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The Motion picture photograph, release, and script files were created by the Photography Unit within the Department of Health. Materials consist of photographic release forms for movies and television, film and television scripts, film stills, transparencies, negatives, and photographs documenting the filming of productions. Records were produced during the development of promotional films and shorts in an effort to bring awareness to public health issues.
Creator:	New York (State). Department of Health. Office of Public Health Education
Title:	Motion picture photograph, release, and script files
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1948-1965
Series:	A3270

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Arrangement

Box one holds records dating 1948-1965. Box two holds records from the years 1955-1962.

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Administrative History

This series contains materials created by the Photography Unit within the Department of Health. The Photography Unit was established in approximately 1948 to provide photographic resources for publications, exhibits, training aids, news releases, annual reports, and health training presentations. In 1975, the Photography Unit merged with the Public Health Education Unit which was later replaced by the Health Education and Promotion Services Group within the Office of Public Health in 1977. In 1986, public health promotion activities were moved to the Public Affairs Group within the Bureau of Communications Production Services in the Department of Health's Executive Division.

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Scope and Content Note

The Motion picture photograph, release, and script files relate to educational films and television productions developed in an effort to promote awareness of disease prevention techniques. Records are comprised of photographic release forms for movies and television, film and television scripts, film stills, transparencies (some in color), negatives, photographs documenting the filming of productions, and a 1961 Annual Report from New York's Health Department. Photographs may have been published within Annual Reports and monthly publications such as Health News.

The records document actions taken to prevent disease as well as the efforts to physically create promotional productions. Photographs, production stills, sound recording logs, camera reports, scripts and photographic release forms document the act of producing promotional motion pictures.

Movies and television shorts identify topics of concern to the New York State Health Department during the late 1940s through the mid-1960s. Promotional movies and shorts present a variety of subjects including information regarding tuberculosis, water pollution, nurses' perspectives, narcotics use and medical advice for retired individuals.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Access Terms

- Public health--United States
- Radio programs--New York (State)
- Photographs