



The Iowa Smokefree Air Act

Effective July 1, 2008, smoking will no longer be allowed in enclosed public places, including places of employment, restaurants, and bars.

The Iowa Department of Public Health is here to help you understand the new Smokefree Air Act. Visit our Web site for complete details about this new law. To report any violations, call 1 888 944 2247, or fill out a complaint form at www.IowaSmokefreeAir.gov.



Smokefree Iowa

An introduction to the new law.



The Smokefree Air Act – protecting the health of Iowans

In the spring of 2008, Iowa lawmakers passed legislation to protect employees and the general public. The Smokefree Air Act prohibits smoking in enclosed areas within places of employment, as well as some outdoor areas.

At the Iowa Department of Public Health, we're here to help you understand this new law. We can explain which areas are covered and which are not. We can also help you understand the requirements for businesses. We've created a Web site and a Helpline to give you all the details, and make it easier to comply with the new law.

Which areas are covered? **Which are not?**

The law applies to restaurants, bars, food service establishments, outdoor sports arenas and amphitheaters. It also covers places of employment such as office buildings, health care facilities, and child care facilities. Smoking is allowed on the gaming floor of a licensed casino, as well as designated hotel and motel rooms. Be sure to refer to our Web site below for complete information about areas which are required to be smokefree.

Following the law is easy.

To comply with the new law, businesses need to do several things. They must: post “no-smoking” signs at entrances to non-smoking areas; inform all employees about the provisions of the law; and remove all ashtrays from areas where smoking is prohibited. They should also ask people who are smoking in a non-smoking area of their business to stop smoking or to leave the area. Failure to comply with the law may result in a civil fine of \$100, \$200, or \$500 depending on the number of violations. The business could also lose their business license or liquor license.

**For complete details, visit www.IowaSmokefreeAir.gov.
Questions? Give us a call at 1-888-944-2247.**

