

Smokefree Air Act

FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed common areas of multiunit residential buildings. Smoking is not regulated by the law inside private residences (unless used as a child care facility, child care home, or a health care provider location).

DEFINITIONS

- ▶ “Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and ceiling that is contained on all sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, which extend from the floor to the ceiling.
- ▶ “Common area” means a reception area, waiting room, lobby, hallway, restroom, elevator, stairway or stairwell, the common use area of a multi-unit residential property, or other area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted.

RESTRICTIONS

Areas where smoking is prohibited (including but not limited to):

- ▶ Hallways
- ▶ Laundry facilities
- ▶ Lobby/public waiting areas
- ▶ Public restrooms
- ▶ Stairwells/elevators
- ▶ Management offices

Areas where smoking is not regulated by the law:

- ▶ Private residences (even if smoke from those areas infiltrate outside the residence into other areas)
- ▶ Areas outside building entrances, external doorways or other outdoor/unenclosed areas (unless building/enclosed area is owned, leased, operated, or under the control of the state, county or city government. If so, see “Grounds of Publicly Owned Buildings” factsheet)


POSTING OF SIGNS

The Smokefree Air Act requires the posting of “no smoking” signs to inform persons they are entering a nonsmoking place. Signs must be posted at every entrance to a public space, place of employment, area declared a nonsmoking place, and outdoor areas where smoking is prohibited. See “Sign Requirements” factsheet for sign specifications.

The information provided in this document is not intended to be legal advice. Please consult state statutes or contact an attorney for additional information about the Smokefree Air Act (Iowa Code 142D)

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