

Smokefree Air Act

FACT SHEET

Overview

Smoking is not regulated on the Iowa State Fairgrounds or fairgrounds as defined in Iowa Code Section 174.1, except for all enclosed building, designated viewing areas of entertainment venues, and outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants.

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.
- ▶ **Seating areas of outdoor sports arenas, stadiums, amphitheaters, or other entertainment venues** means areas designated by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having custody or control of the area to be used primarily to witness entertainment events and shall include, but is not be limited to: all chairs, seats, and bleachers whether permanent or temporary; standing room only; general admission or festival-style seating areas; and any other areas where individuals congregate to witness entertainment events.”
- ▶ **Restaurant** is defined as eating establishments...which offer food to the public, guests, or employees, including the kitchen and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, and including a bar area within a restaurant.
- ▶ **Grounds of any public building** is defined as an outdoor area of a public building that is used in connection with the building, including but not limited to a sidewalk or driveway immediately adjacent to the building, but not including a sidewalk in the public right-of-way; a sitting or standing area immediately adjacent to the building; a patio; a deck; a curtilage or courtyard; a swimming or wading pool; a beach; or any other outdoor.

Fairground Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in the following places:

- ▶ Enclosed areas
- ▶ Designated seating areas of outdoor entertainment venues
- ▶ Outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants

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Exemption

The Smokefree Air Act prohibits smoking on the grounds of public buildings that are owned, leased, operated, or under the control of the state, county, or city government. However, the grounds of such buildings that are located on the Iowa state fairgrounds or fairgrounds as defined in Iowa Code 174.1 are exempt from this regulation.

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 place, place of employment, area declared a nonsmoking place, and outdoor areas where smoking is prohibited.

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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