

## Did you know?

-  Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution
-  Breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease, including **cancer, heart disease and stroke in nonsmokers**
-  Infants, children, teens, pregnant women, and elderly people are at especially high risk for illnesses related to tobacco smoke
-  Health conditions including asthma, lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory infection, and decreased respiratory function are induced by breathing secondhand smoke

## The purpose of the regulation is to...

Protect the public from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke exposure by substantially prohibiting smoking in public and private worksites and public places.

Overall the regulation will create a cleaner, healthier environment for all of Washtenaw County.

## Regulation Resources and Support Services:

For the model worksite policy, model signs and other information or to make a complaint contact the Tobacco Programs Coordinator at:  
Washtenaw County Public Health  
555 Towner  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 484-7200 ext. 4218

To access the regulation in full text go online at:  
[www.eWashtenaw.org](http://www.eWashtenaw.org)

Or call: (734) 484-7200



# The Washtenaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation

## What does it mean for YOU?

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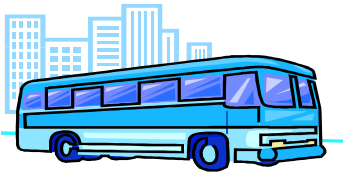
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## What it means for you:

Smoke-free environments including:

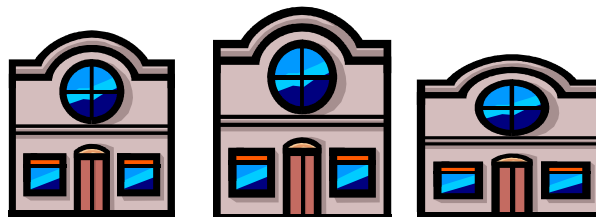
- ⇒ Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, and hallways
- ⇒ Buses, taxicabs, and other means of public transit



- ⇒ Service lines, retail stores, sports arenas, and convention halls
- ⇒ Attorneys offices and other offices, banks, laundromats, hotels and motels
- ⇒ All areas of galleries, libraries and museums
- ⇒ Any motion picture, stage, drama, lecture, musical recital or other similar performance
- ⇒ Waiting rooms, hallways, wards and semi-private rooms of health facilities
- ⇒ Bingo Halls

## What it means for your business:

- ◆ It is the responsibility of employers to provide a smoke-free worksite.
- ◆ As of February 18, 2003, each employer is required to adopt, implement, make known and maintain a written smoking policy.
- ◆ The smoking policy shall be communicated to all employees at least three weeks prior to its effective date, and at the time of employment of all other employees.
- ◆ "No Smoking" signs shall be clearly posted in every building or other area where smoking is prohibited by this regulation, (i.e. entrances).
- ◆ No employer shall discharge an employee, refuse to hire an applicant for employment, or customer because such employee, applicant, or customer exercises any right to a smoke-free environment afforded by this regulation.
- ◆ Business and individuals refusing to comply with the smoking regulation will receive a verbal warning. If non-compliance continues, business and individuals are subject to fines.



## Smoking will NOT be regulated at:

- ⇒ Food Service Establishments, except as covered by food service law
- ⇒ Private residences, except when used as a child care, health care facility or adult day care facility as covered by law
- ⇒ Tobacco specialty stores
- ⇒ The public residential facility, known as the Downtown Center



## How will the regulation be enforced?

- ◆ Enforcement of this regulation shall be implemented by the Health Officer, or his or her designated staff.
- ◆ Any citizen who desires to register a complaint may do so through the Health Officer or designee.