



FACTS ABOUT THE SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS ACT

Quick Facts:

- The Smoke Free Illinois Act takes effect on January 1, 2008.
- The Act bans smoking in almost all public places and in any place of employment. This includes but is not limited to: restaurants, bars, taverns, indoor theaters, concert halls, educational facilities, nursing homes, auditoriums, meeting rooms, exhibit halls, convention facilities, private clubs, bowling alleys, pool halls and skating rinks.
- Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, window that opens or ventilation intake that serves an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.
- "No smoking" signs are required to be posted at every entrance. Free signs are available for download on the city's website at www.cityofchicago.org.
- Ashtrays are to be removed from the premise.
- Complaints should be made by calling 311.

Where is Smoking Allowed?

- Private residences unless being used as a childcare, adult day care, healthcare facility or any other home based business that is open to the public.
- Retail tobacco stores that have been in operation prior to January 1, 2008 and derive more than 80% of gross revenue from the sale of tobacco and related smoking accessories. This exemption does not apply to any establishment with any type of liquor or retail food license.
- After January 1st, new retail tobacco stores that derive more than 80% of gross revenue from the sale of tobacco and related smoking accessories without any type of liquor or retail food service may allow smoking only if the business is located in a free standing structure occupied solely by the business and smoke from the business will not migrate into an enclosed areas were smoking is prohibited.
- Hotel and motel rooms that are designated smoking rooms. Not more than 25% of the rooms may be designated as smoking rooms.

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