

Oregon's New Smokefree Workplace Law

On **January 1, 2009**, Oregon's new Smokefree Workplace Law will prohibit smoking in most public places and workplaces, with few exceptions (certified cigar bars and smoke shops).

- *Public place* means any enclosed area open to the public.
- *Place of employment* means every enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer that employees frequent during the course of employment.
- In addition, **smoking is not permitted within 10 feet of any entrance, exit, window or air intake vent.**

For more information or to file a complaint, call [1-866-621-6107](tel:1-866-621-6107) or www.healthoregon.org/smokefree

Workplaces and public places that must be smokefree include but are not limited to:

- Bars and taverns, including bar areas of restaurants
- Bowling centers
- Bingo halls
- Private and fraternal organizations
- Employee break rooms
- Restaurants
- Private offices and commercial office buildings
- Retail and wholesale establishments
- Manufacturing plants and mills
- Truck stops
- Child and adult day-care
- Assisted living facilities
- Movies theaters and indoor entertainment venues
- Hotels and motels (Exception: up to 25% of guest rooms may be designated as smoking rooms by the owner or entity in charge)
- Work vehicles that are not operated exclusively by one employee

Note: Some cities and counties in Oregon passed Smokefree Workplace Laws prior to the new state law. In [these jurisdictions](#), any standard or requirement stricter than the state law will apply. If you are an employer, employee or member of any of these communities, please contact your local county tobacco prevention coordinator for information on applicable workplace rules and regulations.