



# OREGON'S SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE LAW

## INCLUDING THE 10-FOOT OUTDOOR SMOKEFREE ZONE

### Indoor Smoking Not Allowed

Oregon's Smokefree Workplace Law (ORS 433.835-870, effective January 1, 2009) protects employees and customers from secondhand smoke. It requires nearly all workplaces and employee breakrooms to be smokefree.

The expanded law applies to any business or organization that has one or more employees or is ever open to the public. Smoking is not allowed in any enclosed area regardless of ventilation.

### Outdoor Smoking Limited

The law also protects workers, customers and visitors from breathing secondhand smoke as they enter businesses or breathe outside air through windows and ventilation systems.

Smoking is not permitted within 10 feet of any entrance, exit, window or air intake vent. The law establishes the 10-foot smokefree zone as a minimum standard.

### Why the Law is Important

Secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and poor respiratory health. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no known safe level of secondhand smoke exposure. The Smokefree Workplace Law makes sure all Oregonians can work in a safer and healthier environment.

### How to Comply

It's easy! Businesses need to:

- Prohibit smoking in the workplace and within 10 feet of all entrances, exits, windows and air intake vents.
- Post signs at each entrance providing notice that smoking is prohibited within 10 feet. Free signs are available through the Oregon Tobacco Education Clearinghouse at [www.healthoregon.org/smokefree](http://www.healthoregon.org/smokefree) or 1-888-412-1701.

### Enforcement of the Law

The law places the responsibility on business owners to maintain a smokefree environment. Individuals who smoke will not be cited for smoking inside or outside a business.

- The Oregon Public Health Division will address complaints and help business owners comply with the law.
- Business owners unwilling to comply with the law can be fined up to \$500 per day, not to exceed \$2,000 in a 30-day period for a single employer.
- If business owners want to appeal a citation, the citation will provide information on how to do so.



### Helping Smokers Quit

Help employees and customers quit smoking for good. Oregon's Tobacco Quit Line offers free, friendly and confidential coaching and materials. Callers may be eligible to receive free nicotine patches or gum.

- 1-800-QUIT-NOW**
- 1-877-2NO-FUME (Español)**
- 1-877-777-6534 (TTY)**

