

Ohio Smoke-Free Workplace Facts



Smoking, including use of an electronic smoking device and vapor product, is prohibited inside workplaces and public places, with limited exemptions for nursing home residents, hotel guests, family-owned businesses not open to the public, and some retail tobacco stores and retail vapor stores. This includes when the workplace or public place is "closed".

Proprietors must post no smoking signs with the statewide toll free enforcement line (866-559-6446) at all building entrances, including employee entrances. Signs can be printed or ordered at [Ohio Department of Health Smoke-Free Workplace Program Resources](#).

The proprietor will take reasonable steps to be sure smoking of any kind does not occur in an area prohibited by law. This includes areas directly or indirectly under the control of the proprietor such as entrances, windows, ventilation systems.

Smoking is permitted at outside patios so long as the minimum requirements are met. There must be air flow through the patio at all times. Patios and tents covered on all sides do not permit sufficient air flow. Compliance is determined by the open-air calculation at the time of inspection. Additional guidance can be found in [ODH Smoke-Free Patio Guidance](#).

Violations can be reported to the statewide enforcement line or directly to the Delaware Public Health District at (740) 203-2067. All complaints will be investigated.