



# Allen County Dept of Health

## Smoking Ordinance An Overview

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# What is Second Hand Smoke?

- Comprised of 4,000 chemicals
- 43 Cause Cancer in Humans
- Similar to water
  - Flows through tiny cracks in units
  - Follows pipelines, air ducts, and electric plugs
  - Travels through air conditioning/heating sys.
  - Leak through walls from one unit to next



# Why Smoke Free Allen County?

- Smoking Ordinance Created to Decrease inhalation of Second Hand Smoke (SHS)
- The Surgeon General has declared SHS
  - Increases development of chronic asthma
  - Impairs healing process
  - Prolongs illnesses
  - Infections more difficult to treat
  - Causes upper respiratory infections
  - Impairs lung function
  - Causes lung cancer and triggers heart disease
  - Decreases respiratory function



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- **Adopted 12.6.06 by Allen County Board of Commissioners**
- **Effective 6.1.07**
- **Safeguard ALL citizens against involuntary inhalation and associated side effects of SHS**
- **Restrictions (not limited to)**
  - **Public places and designated outdoor venues**
  - **All places of Employment within County**
  - **Elevators, Business**
  - **Licensed child care and adult care facilities**
  - **Laundromats**
  - **Hallways, lobbies, and other enclosed common areas**
  - **Health care facilities\***



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- **Restaurants including all common areas**
  - **i.e restrooms, lobbies, hallways, dining areas**
- **Polling places**
- **Public Transportation and Facilities**
- **Retail Stores**
- **Shopping Malls**
- **Sports Arena**
- **Within 20 ft. entrance of public place**

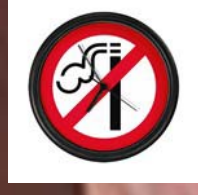
# Exceptions

- Private residences
- Hotels/Motels >20% of rooms smoking
- Retail Tobacco Stores
- Private Clubs
- Admission over 21
- Bowling Alleys 9p.m.- 3a.m. Sunday-Thursday



# Posting/Compliance

- **Post No Smoking Signs**
- **Post No Smoking Symbol**
- **Remove ALL Paraphernalia**
  - **Ashtrays, lighters, vending machines**
- **Exempted estab. must post- warning**





# Violations/Enforcement

- Primary Purpose Education/Complaint Driven
- Business Responsibility
  - Adhere to Code
    - Remove all paraphernalia
    - Do not allow ANYONE to smoke in prohibited areas
  - Ensure Citizens Adhere to Code
- Individual Responsibility
  - Do not smoke or use paraphernalia in public places
- Citizens have a right to register a complaint
  - Contact Information Angelique Causey 260.449.7506

# Opt Out

- Municipality must
- Adopt Ordinance and file with Allen County Board of Commissioners
- Add exemptions and file with Allen County Board of Commissioners



# County Vs. City

## County

- No Smoking
  - 20 ft. public building
  - No add. Health care
- Signs posted every entrance
  - No specific measurements
- All paraphernalia removed
- Businesses Fined
  - \$250/violation
- Exemptions
  - Private Residents\*
  - Retail Tobacco Stores
  - Hotels/motels (20%)
  - Bus. Serv. 21+
  - Private clubs
  - Bowling alleys Sun-Thurs. 9pm-3am
- Allen County Health Dept Primary Enforcement Agency

## City

- No Smoking
  - 20 ft. public builds
  - 200 ft. healthcare facilities
- Signs posted every entrance
  - ½ inch height, ¾ inch width
- All paraphernalia removed
- Business Fine
  - \$2500/violation
- Exemptions
  - Private Residence\*
  - Retail Tobacco Stores
  - Hotels/motels (20%)
  - Private clubs (Not Exempt)
  - Bus. Serv 21+ (Not Exempt)
  - Bowling Alleys (Not Exempt)
- Fort Wayne Fire Department Primary Enforcement Agency





# Local Resources

- Lutheran Health Network – Kathleen Gerhart RRT, CHT  
260.435.7094
- Parkview Workplace Wellness – Jill Yount Workplace  
Wellness Representative 260.373.9019  
[jill.yount@parkview.com](mailto:jill.yount@parkview.com)
- Indiana Tobacco Quit Line 1866.515.5433
- Tobacco Free Allen County- Dick Conklin 260.420.7484
- American Lung Ass. Of Indiana – lungIN.org
- Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission  
[www.in.gov.atc](http://www.in.gov.atc)
- Indiana Latino Institute [www.indianalatinocom.com](http://www.indianalatinocom.com)
- Indiana Minority Health Coalition [www.imhc.org](http://www.imhc.org)
- Indiana State Dept of Health [www.in.gov/isdh/](http://www.in.gov/isdh/)



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Location
  - How far from the entrance can you smoke?
    - » 20 feet from all entrances
  - Are you allowed to smoke within 20 ft of an employee only entrance
    - » Smoking is not permitted 20 ft of buildings
  - Is my business under the city or county ordinance?
    - » We must map out the address
- Signage
  - Do I need to post signs next to employee only entrances?
    - » You should post signs next to all entrances
  - Where does non-smoking signage need to be placed?
    - » Clearly, Sufficiently, & Conspicuously Posted
  - Does a church need to post non-smoking signs
    - » All buildings are required to provide smoking requirements



# Reality

