California’s Clean Indoor Air Laws

Employers and owner-operated businesses must comply with state tobacco laws.

California Clean Indoor Air laws prohibit smoking these products indoors:

- Cigars, Little Cigars/Cigarillos
- E-Cigarettes
- Cigarettes
- Marijuana
- Hookah

California laws allow smoking in:

- Company Vehicles: Cabs of motor trucks or truck tractors if nonsmoking employees are not present.
- Hotels/Motels: 20% of hotel/motel guest rooms.
- Theatrical Productions: Theatrical productions if smoking is an integral part of the story.
- Health Care Facilities: Patient smoking areas of long-term health care facilities.
- Tobacco Shops and Private Smokers’ Lounges: Tobacco shops & smokers’ lounges that meet specific criteria.
- Medical Research and Treatment Sites: Medical research or treatment sites if smoking is integral to the research or treatment.

Indoor Workspaces:
- Social organizations such as Elks Lodges or Veterans Clubs
- Malls, movie theatres, and gyms
- Private residences serving as a daycare, transitional housing, and crisis nurseries
- Covered parking lots, state-owned vehicles, taxi cabs, and cabs of motor trucks and tractor trailers if nonsmokers are present

Indoor Spaces:
- K-12 public and private schools, universities, colleges, community colleges and trade schools, including residence halls
- Personal vehicles when a minor is present
- Youth and paratransit buses
- Public transportation
- Foster and group homes

Outdoor Spaces:
- 25 ft from tot lots, playgrounds, and certified farmers’ markets
- Public and charter school campuses
- 20 ft from main entrance/exit and operable windows of government buildings

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