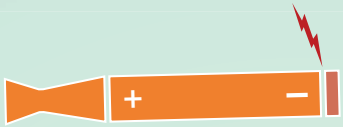
California's Clean Indoor Air Laws

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

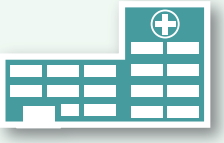
Hookah

California laws allow smoking in:

Company Vehicles

Cabs of motor trucks or truck tractors if nonsmoking employees are not present.

Health Care Facilities



Patient smoking areas of long-term health care facilities.

Hotels/Motels

20% of hotel/motel guest rooms.

Tobacco Shops and Private Smokers' Lounges

Tobacco shops & smokers' lounges that meet specific criteria.

Theatrical Productions

Theatrical productions if smoking is an integral part of the story.

Medical Research and Treatment Sites

Medical research or treatment sites if smoking is integral to the research or treatment.

California laws prohibit smoking in:

Indoor Workspaces

- Public and private offices and office buildings
- Small businesses with 5 or fewer employees
- Owner-operated businesses
- Government buildings
- Factories and warehouses
- Restaurants, bars, taverns, gaming clubs, bingo halls, and pool halls
- Hotel/motel lobbies, banquet and meeting rooms, and 80% of guestrooms
- 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
- Multi-unit housing common areas
- State correctional facilities
- Hookah lounges if not licensed as a tobacco shop or private smokers' lounge
- Medical marijuana dispensaries
- Nonprofit charitable food facilities
- Specified patient areas of a health clinic or facility

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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