

WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
Clean Indoor Air Regulation

Most Frequently Asked Questions...

Are smoking rooms and lounges with ventilation systems allowed under the Clean Indoor Air Regulation?

No. Smoking is prohibited near entrances, windows, and ventilation systems of all worksites and public places.

How far away from the building must I be in order to smoke?

You must be a “reasonable distance” from the entrances and windows of the workplace. The employer must define “reasonable.” In essence, the location has to be an area where smoke will not affect individuals entering the building or other employees at the worksite.

Does the Clean Indoor Air Regulation affect the entire Washtenaw County?

Yes, except for the listed exemption – the public residential facility known as the Downtown Center in Ann Arbor.

What about restaurants and bars?

Unfortunately, State law in Michigan prohibits restaurants and bars from being further regulated by local laws.

Will bingo halls and bowling alleys be affected by the regulation?

Yes.

What happens if I don't comply with the regulation?

Any individual violating the regulation will first receive a verbal warning. If non-compliance continues, the individual shall be guilty of an infraction and receive a \$75.00 fine.

A business in violation of non-compliance shall receive the following: (1) a warning citation for the first violation, (2) \$100.00 fine for a second violation within one year of a finding of the first violation, (3) \$500.00 fine for a third violation within one year from a finding of the second violation, and a \$1,000 fine for each additional violation.

Can businesses purchase a special permit that will allow smoking at the worksite?

No. There is no such permit that will allow smoking in the worksites. As of February 18, 2003, smoking will be prohibited in public places, places of employment and recreation.

How can I get educational materials about the Clean Indoor Air Regulation?

Visit the Public Health web page at www.ewashtenaw.org.