

Smoke-Free Arizona Newsletter

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The Smoke-Free Arizona Act

The Smoke-Free Arizona Act, A.R.S. § 36-601.01 (“the Act”), prohibits smoking inside and within 20 feet of entrances, open windows, and ventilation systems of most enclosed public places and places of employment. The main purpose of the Smoke-Free Arizona Act is to protect workers, customers, and the general public from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke in most enclosed public places and places of employment.

The Smoke-Free Act vs. Local Ordinances

The Smoke-Free Arizona Act does not prevent a political subdivision of the State, such as counties or cities, from adopting ordinances or regulations that are more restrictive than the Act, nor does the Act repeal any existing ordinance or regulation that is more restrictive than the Act. The Smoke-Free Arizona Act supersedes local ordinances that are less stringent.

The Smoke-Free Act vs. In-House Smoking Policies

The Smoke-Free Arizona Act allows proprietors to implement in-house smoking policies that are more restrictive than the Act in any areas under their control. For example, some proprietors of public places and places of employment in Arizona are choosing to provide smoke-free campuses for their visitors, employees, and other patrons. Many proprietors are also creating designated smoking areas and allowing smoking only in those areas. Please keep in mind that Smoke-Free Arizona Program officials can only enforce the provisions defined in the Act. This means that Smoke-Free Arizona Program officials do not enforce local ordinances or in-house smoking policies.

New App: mysmokefreeaz

The Smoke-Free Arizona Program now has a free phone application available for Android and iPhone users. The phone application will allow citizens to quickly and easily submit complaints by taking a picture of the violation and sending it, along with GPS coordinates and other descriptive information about the business in violation, to the Smoke-Free Arizona Program who will file the complaint. The mySmokeFreeAZ app can be downloaded for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#).



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