



**FACT SHEET:
Pennsylvania's Clean Indoor Air Act
(Establishing smoke-free indoor public and workplaces)**

Legislative findings and purpose:

- The General Assembly has found that the use of tobacco products is dangerous not only to the person smoking but also to nonsmokers who must breathe the contaminated air
- The EPA has classified second hand smoke as a Class A carcinogen, a classification reserved for the most lethal environmental hazards such as asbestos, formaldehyde and radon
- Approximately 53,000 nonsmokers in the US die annually from lung and heart disease due to exposure to passive smoke
- 300,000 children exposed to tobacco smoke have increased frequency of lower respiratory infections
- Tobacco smoke is responsible for 1,000,000 asthma attacks, 8,000-26,000 new cases of asthma and significant reduction in lung function, and causes serious middle ear infections among children each year.

The Clean Indoor Air Act indicates no person shall carry a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device in the any of the following locations:

- All public places, Educational facility, School bus, Health facility, Arena, Theater, Museum, Restaurant, Bar or tavern, Concert hall, Commercial establishment, Retail store, Service line, Grocery Store, Bingo hall, Waiting room or area, Hallway, Polling place, Restroom, Sports arena, Convention hall, Elevator, Public transit, Public food assistance program and facility, Shopping mall, Exhibition hall, Rotunda or lobby, Licensed gaming facility, 75% of the total number of sleeping quarters available for rent in a single lodging establishments.

The law exempts the following places, permitting smoking in:

- Private homes, unless they are being used for child care, adult care or a health care facility
- 25% of the total number of sleeping quarters available for rent in a single lodging establishments
- Wholesale or retail tobacco shop with tobacco sales comprising 85% or more of gross sales annually
- Workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, wholesaler of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor and all tobacco storage facilities.