

Secondhand smoke consists of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar, and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, including cancer causing poisons like formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide and arsenic.

Secondhand smoke kills an estimated 65,000 people every year, and is the 3rd leading cause of preventable death in America according to the U.S. EPA. There is no risk free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Exposure to secondhand smoke has substantial and immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system. It is also proven to increase the risk of developing lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and asthma.

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Where can I get information about how to quit smoking?

There are many different options to help you or your employees quit smoking.

The Illinois Tobacco Quitline, 1-866-QUIT-YES (866-784-8937), provides one-on-one phone counseling and support for smokers. When a smoker calls, they are provided encouragement, a personalized plan and tools to quit smoking. Services are free of charge.

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health offers "quit-smoking" classes to individuals and groups, and will come to your worksite. Call (217) 535-3100 for more information.

Where can I get more information about the new ordinances?

You can learn more about the new ordinance by contacting the Sangamon County Department of Public Health at (217) 535-3100 or by visiting www.scdph.org. More information is also available from the American Lung Association at (217) 787-5864 or by visiting www.SmokeFreeIllinois.org.

Smoke-Free Springfield & Sangamon County



A Guide for Restaurants and Bars

**Effective
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Smoke-Free Springfield & Sangamon County - now serving 100% smoke free air

When does Springfield & unincorporated Sangamon County go smoke-free?

Beginning at 3 a.m. on September 17, 2006, the Springfield Clean Indoor Act Ordinance of 2006 and the Sangamon County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance of 2006, with few exceptions, prohibits smoking in all workplaces and public places including bars and restaurants.

What does the ordinance require me to do?

You must inform your employees and customers that smoking is no longer permitted indoors. You may want to redirect your employees and customers to an outdoor location where smoking is permitted.

To learn more about the new ordinances, contact the Sangamon County Department of Public Health at (217) 535-3100.

What are the exceptions to the new ordinances?

The only exceptions to the new ordinances are: private residences (except when used as a childcare, adult care, or health care facility), private vehicles, no more than 25% of hotel/motel sleeping rooms, retail tobacco stores, stage productions, and private/semi-private rooms in nursing homes or long term care facilities.

How will the ordinances be enforced?

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is the agency responsible for enforcement. SCDPH will inspect for compliance, as well as process complaints, document violations, and assess penalties.

What are the penalties?

Both the individual as well as the business or establishment can be fined under this ordinance.

Individual Fines

Springfield: \$50 - \$300

Sangamon: \$50

Business Owner Fines

Springfield First Violation: \$50

Sangamon First Violation: \$100

Springfield Second Violation: \$200

Sangamon Second Violation: \$200

(Within one year of the first violation.)

Springfield Additional Violations: \$500

Sangamon Additional Violations: \$500

(Each additional violation within one year.)

Additional violations may also result in a 5-day suspension or revocation of any permit or license issued by the City of Springfield or Sangamon County for the premises on which the violation occurred.

What should I do if customers insist on smoking?

You and your staff must advise them of the new ordinance. Politely explain that they must step outside to smoke. If the customer refuses to comply, refer to your company's policy on dealing with difficult customers.

How can I file a complaint?

Complaints can be confidentially filed with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. To file a complaint by phone, call (217) 535-3100 during regular business hours and (217) 789-2186 after hours and on weekends or visit www.scdph.org. An employee or patron may contact SCDPH to file a complaint against you and/or your establishment.

Does the ordinance prohibit smoking outdoors?

Smoking in outdoor areas is not prohibited by either ordinance. However, the Sangamon County ordinance does prohibit smoking within ten (10) feet of the main entrance. Owners and operators are free to designate outdoor areas on their premises as smoking or non-smoking.

Do signs need to be posted?

Signs clearly stating smoking is prohibited must be prominently displayed at all public and employee entrances. Signs may be downloaded at www.scdph.org.