

University of Hawai'i's Overview of the New Smoke Free Workplaces Law

The Smoke Free Hawai'i law creates fair and consistent statewide protection from secondhand smoke. The law will go into effect on November 16, 2006, and **prohibits** the use of smoke-producing tobacco products in areas other than those designated as smoke-free under the law.

Where is smoking prohibited under the law?

- In enclosed or partially enclosed facilities owned by the state, open to the public, or are places of employment.
- In vehicles owned, leased or operated by the state.
- Within 20 feet of doorways, windows and ventilation intakes.
- In the enclosed, partially enclosed and seating areas of sports arenas, outdoor arenas, stadiums, aquariums, galleries, libraries and museums.
- Educational facilities.
- Areas available to and customarily used by the general public, including but not limited to restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common areas, in businesses and nonprofit entities patronized by the public, including but not limited to offices.
- Facilities primarily used for exhibiting a motion picture, stage, drama, lecture, musical recital, or other similar performance.
- At restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, a bar area within a restaurant and outdoor areas of restaurants.
- Any place in which a sign is posted prohibiting smoking with the words "Smoking Prohibited by Law" or the international "No Smoking" symbol.

Are there any exceptions under the law?

- Outdoor areas of places of employment except those areas prohibited by law.

Implementation of the law?

- Individual violators of this law may be fined up to \$50.00 plus court costs.
- Additional information as well as the new smoke free law may be obtained at the following websites:
<http://hawaiismokefree.com>
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/healthy-lifestyles/tobacco/Smoke-Free-Law.htm>

Questions, concerns, violations and complaints can be directed to the Department of Health at (808) 586-4613.