

Smoking Bans

While smokers face a higher risk of developing lung cancer, nonsmokers are at risk as well, especially if exposed to secondhand smoke. Exposure to secondhand smoke claims the lives of nearly 50,000 nonsmoking adults each year, most notably from lung cancer, stroke, and heart disease. Due to the severe health consequences related to secondhand smoke, smoking bans are important. According to the American Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation, 28 states – as well as Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands – are “smoke-free states,” meaning they do not allow smoking in bars, restaurants, and non-hospitality workplaces. Texas does not currently have a statewide smoking ban, but many cities throughout the state have smoking bans in place.

Statistics

- An estimated **7,300 people in the U.S. die** from lung cancer caused by exposure to secondhand smoke each year.
- Exposure to **secondhand smoke increases the risk** of being diagnosed with lung cancer by **20-30%**.
- In Texas, **44.6% of municipalities** are covered by a **smoke-free ordinance** that covers municipal and private non-hospitality worksites, restaurants, and/or bars.
- There are currently **106 Texas cities with a “comprehensive” smoking ban**, meaning that the city is entirely smoke-free in non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants, and bars.

States and Territories with Comprehensive Smoking Bans

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| • Arizona | • Nebraska |
| • California | • New Jersey |
| • Colorado* | • New Mexico |
| • Connecticut | • New York |
| • Delaware | • North Dakota |
| • Hawaii | • Ohio |
| • Illinois | • Oregon |
| • Iowa | • Puerto Rico |
| • Kansas | • Rhode Island |
| • Maine | • South Dakota |
| • Maryland | • U.S. Virgin Islands |
| • Massachusetts | • Utah |
| • Michigan** | • Vermont |
| • Minnesota | • Washington |
| • Montana | • Wisconsin |

*Smokefree Law has certain exemptions for marijuana smoking in 100% Smokefree Restaurants

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Comprehensive Smoking Bans in Texas

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| • Abilene | • Brookshire | • Denison |
| • Alamo | • Brownsville | • Denton |
| • Alton | • Bryan | • DeSoto |
| • Anthony | • Burkburnett | • Donna |
| • Arlington | • College Station | • Duncanville |
| • Austin | • Combes | • Eagle Pass |
| • Baytown | • Copperas Cove | • Edcouch |
| • Beaumont | • Corpus Christi | • Edinburg |
| • Beeville | • Dallas | • El Cenizo |
| • Benbrook | • Del Rio | • El Paso |

- Elsa
- Ennis
- Escobares
- Falfurrias
- Flower Mound
- Fort Worth
- Garland
- Granbury
- Harlingen
- Henderson
- Hidalgo
- Highland Village
- Horizon City
- Horseshoe Bay
- Houston
- Huntsville
- Joshua
- La Grulla
- La Joya
- La Villa
- Laguna Vista
- Lancaster
- Laredo
- Little Elm
- Lufkin
- Lyford
- Marshall
- McAllen
- McKinney
- Mercedes
- Mission
- Missouri City
- Mont Belvieu
- Nacogdoches
- New Braunfels
- Nolanville
- Palmhurst
- Palmview
- Patton Village
- Pearland
- Penitas
- Pharr
- Plano
- Port Isabel
- Portland
- Prairie View
- Progreso
- Raymondville
- Red Oak
- Rio Grande City
- Rio Hondo
- Robinson
- Roma
- Rowlett
- San Angelo
- San Antonio
- San Benito
- San Elizario
- San Juan
- San Marcos
- San Perlita
- Santa Rosa
- Seagoville
- Socorro
- Southlake
- Spring Valley
- Sullivan City
- Tyler
- Universal City
- Vernon
- Victoria
- Waco
- Waxahachie
- Weslaco
- Wichita Falls
- Woodway

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