


A GLOBAL PHENOMENON: 100% SMOKEFREE LAWS, BY NATION

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The following list provides the **status of smokefree laws with respect to non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants, bars, and casinos** in various countries across the globe. Countries in **bold** have some sort of 100% smokefree law. Call or write the respective department of health or embassy to express appreciation for a country's smokefree law or disappointment in the lack of smokefree protection for workers, residents, and visitors. Countries marked with a (*) connote that they have signed and ratified the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). For the complete list of FCTC ratifying nations, visit http://www.who.int/fctc/signatories_parties/en/index.html. For further information, contact the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation at (510) 841-3032, or email us at anr@no-smoke.org. **22 nations have enacted some sort of 100% smokefree law, 16 of the 22 include restaurants and bars.**

Canada*

PROVINCE	WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMING	NOTES
Alberta	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
British Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Labrador & Newfoundland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Manitoba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
New Brunswick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nunavut	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Northwest Territories	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Nova Scotia	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is permitted in ventilated rooms in restaurants, as well as everywhere in bars after 9pm. Outdoor seating and patios 100% smokefree.
Saskatchewan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Yukon	No	No	No	No	
Quebec	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

 Indicates that the province/nation does not have bars or state-regulated gaming.

Caribbean

COUNTRY	WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMING	NOTES
Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Yes		
British Virgin Islands	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Cuba	No	No	No		Restaurants and cafeterias may have designated smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited in enclosed or air-conditioned public places, including offices, theatres, meeting halls, stores, and public transportation.

Central and South Americas

PROVINCE	WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMING	NOTES
Chile*	Yes	No	No	No	Larger restaurants must provide smoking sections and smaller restaurants must decide whether they permit smoking throughout or not. Minors are not permitted in smoking areas.
Uruguay*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Europe

COUNTRY	WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMING	NOTES
Belgium*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms.
Czech Republic	No	No	No	No	Restaurant, cafes, and bars are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Smoking is not permitted in restaurants during meals.
England	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Finland		No	No	No	Smoking is restricted to separately enclosed smoking rooms. No food or beverage may be brought into these areas. Large restaurants have until June 2009 to construct separately enclosed smoking rooms.
France*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Germany*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and pubs have smoking sections. Restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree in Lower Saxony and Baden-Wurttemberg through local legislation.
Greece*	No	No	No	No	Smoke-free legislation is to come into effect in

					Greece in 2010. Cafes and restaurants will be included under the smokefree law.
Iceland	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Italy	No	No	No	No	Restaurants and bars are smokefree or have separately ventilated smoking rooms.
Ireland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	88	
Northern Ireland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Norway*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Scotland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Spain*	Yes	No	No	No	Workplaces and public transit must be 100% smokefree. Restaurants and bars that are larger than 100 square feet must install enclosed smoking rooms or go 100% smokefree. Smaller establishments must post their smoking status.
Sweden*		No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and cafes are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Food and beverage may not be served in these smoking rooms.
Wales*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Africa

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Algeria*	No	No	No		
Eritrea	Yes	No	No		Restaurants without liquor licenses are smokefree.
Kenya*	Yes	Yes	No	No	Bars may have designated smoking areas.
South Africa*	No	No	No	No	Restaurant and bars have smoking sections.
Uganda*	Yes	No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and discos are allowed to have ventilation smoking rooms or must be smokefree.

Middle East

COUNTRY	WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMING	NOTES
Egypt*	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is not allowed in enclosed public places.
Iran*	Yes	Yes			Any roofed area is 100% smokefree
Israel*		No	No	No	Smoking is permitted in the management areas of restaurants. Bars have smoking areas.
Turkey*	Yes	Yes	Yes		As of July 2009.

South Asia, East Asia & the Western Pacific

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Bhutan*	Yes	Yes	Yes		
India*	Yes	No	No	No	The law allows restaurants and bars with 30 seats or more, to build separate smoking rooms, with no food or drink allowed to be served in these rooms.
Maldives*	Yes	Yes	Yes		
New Zealand*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Singapore*	No	Yes	No	No	All air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned indoor public places, restaurants, and workplaces must be smokefree. Private offices, bars, hawkker centers, and clubs may establish smoking areas.
Taiwan	No	No	No		As of January 11, 2009, all workplaces and indoor public places with three or more employees must be 100% smokefree.
Thailand*	No	No	No		All restaurants' seating areas are 75% nonsmoking and have ventilation systems installed.

Australia*

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Capital	Yes	No	No	No	Act prohibits smoking in enclosed public places, the regulations accompanying the Act defines an enclosed place it is 75% or more enclosed or is covered (fixed or moveable)
New South Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Private gaming areas at the Star City Casinos are exempt.
Northern Territories	No	No	No	No	Enclosed areas and public places must be "partially" smokefree.
Queensland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Poker rooms and slot machine areas may allow smoking. High roller rooms in casinos are exempt.
South Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tasmania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Victoria	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Gaming floors of casinos are exempt.
Western Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	High roller rooms in the Burswood Casino are exempt.

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