Smoking Policies in the 35 Busiest U.S. Airports

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This list describes the smoking policies of the 35 busiest U.S. airports. Airports are ranked according to the number of total volume of passenger traffic.’ As of July 1, 2022, 31 of the top 35 U.S. airports have 100% smokefree indoor air policies. Additionally, 23 of the top 35 U.S. airports do not permit the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) indoors.

For more information, check out our airports resource page.

1. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals at least 25 feet away from the Terminal entrance.

2. Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport (DFW) – Completely smokefree indoors. DFW had allowed smoking in private clubs, including the American Airways Admirals Clubs in Terminals A and D. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

3. Denver International Airport (DEN) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of the Jeppesen Terminal.

4. Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

5. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking is permitted in three outdoor smoking areas located past security gates at the Tom Bradley International Terminal, Terminal 2, and Terminal 7.

6. Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking not permitted within 100 feet of doorways.

7. McCarran International Airport (LAS) in Las Vegas – Smoking is permitted in the Budweiser Racing Track Lounge in the Esplanade Pre-Security area, enclosed slot-machine lounges (B, C, D, and E Gates), and designated outdoor areas near ticketing and baggage claim. The airport was smokefree indoors from 12/2006 until 8/2010 by Nevada law. Smoking is permitted in the bar because it stopped serving food, and Nevada law stipulates that smoking is permitted in bars that do not serve food. Smoking is permitted in enclosed slot-machine lounges because they have been designated as gaming floors, which are exempt from Nevada law.

8. Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (PHX) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

9. Orlando International Airport (MCO) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors.

10. Seattle Tacoma International Airport (SEA) – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking is allowed only in two outdoor locations, at North and South ends of Lower Drive.
11. **Miami International Airport (MIA)** – E-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking is permitted in an “open air” atrium, which has four walls and a roof with a gap at the roofline, that is attached to the airport’s TGI Fridays restaurant.

12. **George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston** – Completely smokefree indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals at least 25 feet away from entrances.

13. **John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.


15. **Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

16. **San Francisco International (SFO)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals at least 20 feet from entrances.

17. **Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP)** – Completely smokefree indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

18. **Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors.

19. **Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston** – Completely smokefree indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals.

20. **Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking not allowed within 25 feet of entrances.

21. **Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking not allowed within 20 feet of entrances.

22. **Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking allowed in designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.

23. **Tampa International Airport (TPA)** – Completely smokefree indoors. Smoking allowed outside of terminals, and past security on a smoking patio outside each terminal.

24. **San Diego International Airport (SAN)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking not allowed within 20 feet of entrances.

25. **Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking allowed in designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.

26. **La Guardia Airport in New York (LGA)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking allowed in designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.

27. **Nashville International Airport (BNA)** – Smoking is permitted in two Graycliff Boutique & Lounge (with purchase) locations: on Concourse B near Gate B10 and on Concourse C near Gate C10.
28. **Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)** – Smoking rooms are located near gates B38, B75, C4 and D30.

29. **Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL)** – Completely smokefree indoors. Smoking allowed in designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.


31. **Portland (OR) International Airport (PDX)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors. Smoking allowed in two designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.

32. **Austin-Bergstrom International (AUS)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors.

33. **William P. Hobby Airport in Houston (HOU)** – Completely smokefree indoors. Designated smoking areas are located outside of terminals at least 25 feet away from entrances.

34. **Honolulu International Airport (HNL)** – Completely smokefree indoors. Smoking allowed in designated smoking areas located outside of terminals.

35. **Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL)** – Completely smokefree indoors and e-cigarette use is not permitted indoors.

Source: Telephone interviews, online smokefree policies, and email correspondence conducted by ANR 2003-2022.

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