

Secondhand Smoke Facts

Secondhand smoke (SHS) is responsible for as many as 73,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year in the United States.

The U.S. Surgeon General has declared that SHS is toxic. There is no known safe level of exposure.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has declared SHS a "Group-A" carcinogen, the most dangerous classification of cancer-causing chemicals.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of coronary heart disease by approximately thirty percent.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control warns that people with heart disease should not go places where they will be exposed to second-hand smoke.

Secondhand smoke exposure causes lung infections in as many as 300,000 children in the United States under the age of 18 months each year and worsens childhood asthma.

SHS exposure increases risks for low birth weight babies, and increases risks of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Health risks from SHS increase when a person is frequently exposed, such as at work or in the home.

The California Environmental Protection Agency has found that each year in California, SHS is linked to: 400 additional lung cancer deaths a year in nonsmokers, 3,600 deadly heart attacks and 31,000 asthma attacks in children.

State scientists also conclude that SHS can increase the risk of breast cancer in women under the age of 50 years old by 68%.

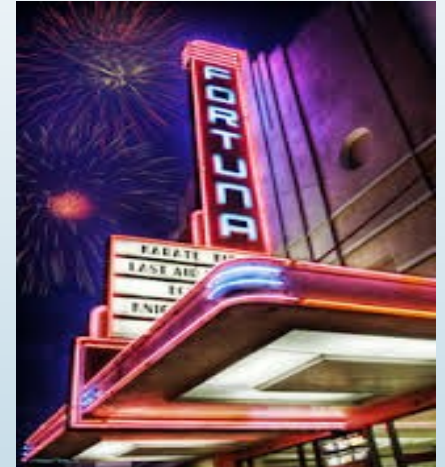
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What you need to know!



REGULATING SECONDHAND SMOKE

Fortuna Municipal Chapter 8.28

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Committed to Providing Clean Air in Fortuna

The Fortuna City Council has adopted an ordinance regulating secondhand smoke and prohibiting smoking in certain public places. Fortuna Municipal Code Chapter 8.28 limits public exposure to secondhand smoke in public areas. This pamphlet provides a brief overview of the policy, and some facts about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Secondhand Smoke Exposure is a Public Nuisance

For all purposes within the jurisdiction of the City of Fortuna, nonconsensual exposure to Smoke is a nuisance, and the uninvited presence of smoke on property is a nuisance and a trespass, including, but not limited to the following places:

- ⇒ Residential uses and structures
- ⇒ Assisted living facilities
- ⇒ Temporary housing
- ⇒ Child daycare facilities
- ⇒ Businesses
- ⇒ Group homes
- ⇒ Medical facilities
- ⇒ Skilled nursing facilities

To file a complaint:

Call the Humboldt County Tobacco-Free Humboldt Program..... (707) 268-2132

Major Provisions - Where Smoking is Prohibited

- Minimum of 30 feet from any entrance, opening or exit of any enclosed area, including windows and ventilation ducts.
- Minimum of 30 feet of service lines (ATM's, ticket lines, bus stops, transit shelters etc)
- 30 feet of working road, building and construction crews
- Recreational Areas (such as parks, picnic areas, playgrounds, sports fields, boardwalks, community plazas, golf courses, walking paths, gardens, hiking trails, bike paths, skateboard parks, and amusement parks)
- Public Events, including but not limited to sports events, entertainment, speaking performances, ceremonies, pageants, parades, fairs, rodeos, and farmer's markets
- Multi-Unit Housing Common Areas both indoors and outdoors (designated outdoor areas allowed with restriction)
- Private decks and patios at multi-unit housing facilities.
- Landlords must disclose to new prospective tenants where smoking is allowed in individual units (if any)
- No person shall dispose of smoking waste or tobacco waste within the boundaries of an area in which smoking is prohibited
- No person shall place or cause to be placed any ashtray, tobacco ash collector or receptacle in any non-smoking area

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Posting of Signs

A Person, Landlord, Employer, or Nonprofit Entity that has legal or de facto control of an Enclosed or Unenclosed area in which Smoking is prohibited by this chapter shall post a clear, conspicuous and unambiguous "No Smoking" or "Smokefree" sign at each point of ingress to the area, and in at least one other conspicuous point within the area. The signs shall have letters of no less than one inch in height and shall include the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it). Signs posted on the exterior of buildings to comply with this section shall include the Reasonable Distance requirement set forth in § 8.28.040 (No Smoking Within 30 Feet).

Signs are available through the City of Fortuna and the Tobacco Free Humboldt program while supplies last. Downloadable version also available on the City of Fortuna and Tobacco Free Humboldt websites:

Additional Resources

Including information on how to quit tobacco:

Humboldt County DHHS

Tobacco Free Humboldt Program

<http://humboldt.gov.org/662/Tobacco-Free-Humboldt>

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California Smokers' Helpline

<http://www.nobutts.org/>