



FACT SHEET

Philadelphia Law on Smoking in Casinos

The Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law protects Philadelphians at work and in public spaces from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, including workers in Philadelphia casinos.

Rules for Casinos

Smoking

- Smoking is not allowed in any indoor area of a casino, except on 25% of the gaming floor (the gaming floor is the area where slot machines are installed).
 - This means that at least 75% of the gaming floor must be non-smoking.
 - In addition, areas next to the gaming floor must be non-smoking. This includes: hallways, reception areas, retail space, bars, nightclubs, restaurants, and hotel, entertainment, and office space.
- Smoking is not allowed in any outside area that is within 20 feet of an entrance to an enclosed area.
- Smoking is not allowed in any outdoor deck, patio, or service area used for the service of food or beverages.

"No Smoking" Signs

- "No Smoking" signs must be prominently posted and maintained. It must be clear to people that smoking is only permitted in a designated area of the gaming floor, and is not allowed anywhere else inside the casino outside of this designated area.
- "No Smoking" signs must be posted immediately above, next to, or on entrance doors and should be plainly visible.

- “No Smoking” signs must be posted in areas *near the gaming floor* where smoking is not allowed (including hallways, reception areas, retail space, bars, nightclubs, restaurants, and hotel, entertainment, and office space).
- “No Smoking” signs must be posted in areas *of the gaming floor* where smoking is not allowed.

Why can a casino allow smoking on 25% of the gaming floor?

Doesn't the Philadelphia Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law say that there is no smoking in all indoor areas?

The Philadelphia Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law prohibits smoking in indoor areas. But the State of Pennsylvania has made an exception for 25% of the gaming floor for casinos. This means that the Philadelphia Department of Public Health enforces all the requirements of the city law, except that casinos are allowed to permit smoking on 25% of the gaming floor. A casino, like any other establishment, must follow both state law and city law.

Smoking is allowed only in the designated area of a casino gaming floor. Smoking anywhere else inside the casino is against the law!

If you see smoking in non-designated areas, you can report violations of the law to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health at

215-685-7495

or online at

www.smokefreephilly.org/secondhand-smoke/report-indoor-smoking/

