



# SMOKEFREE AIR ACT

## *Public Parks*

### *Overview*

The Smokefree Air Act restricts smoking in certain areas of state, county and city parks and recreational facilities. The Smokefree Air Act does not apply to Federal parks.

### *Indoor Areas*

- Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed buildings or shelters on park property.
- Smoking is not regulated in private residences located on park property, unless any portion of the private residence is open to the public.

### *Outdoor Areas*

- Smoking is prohibited on the grounds of public buildings located within parks.
- “Grounds of a public building” means outdoor areas used in connection with the public building, including: sidewalks neighboring the building, sitting or standing areas neighboring the building, patios and decks, courtyards, swimming pools, and beaches. These areas must be nonsmoking. (See the Fact Sheet titled “*Grounds of Public Buildings.*”)
- Outdoor areas where smoking may be allowed include: a parking lot, the course of play at a golf course, a hiking trail, locations of an individual campsite or campfire, or a lake, river, or other body of water.
- Nothing in the law prohibits any person having custody or control of the park from declaring the entire area or property a nonsmoking place.

### *Posting Of Signs*

- “No smoking” signs which meet the requirements of the Smokefree Air Act must be clearly posted at every entrance to an enclosed building or shelter and at “commonly understood points of entry and exit to and from an outdoor area.” (See the Fact Sheet titled, “*Signage.*”)

**NOTE:** The information provided in this document is not intended to be legal advice. Please consult state statutes or contact an attorney for additional information about the Smokefree Air Act (2008 Iowa Acts, HF2212).