

**SIGN  
REQUIREMENTS**

**SMOKEFREE AIR ACT**  
FACT SHEET

**OVERVIEW**

The Smokefree Air Act requires businesses, and state, county and city governments to post “no smoking” signs at every entrance to places where smoking is prohibited.

**CONTACT**

Iowa Department of  
Public Health  
Division of Tobacco Use  
Prevention & Control  
1-888-944-2247  
<https://smokefreeair.iowa.gov/>

**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 (Iowa Code 142D)

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To meet the sign requirements in the Smokefree Air Act, all “no smoking” signs should conform to the following:

- Signs must contain:
  1. The words “no smoking” or the international “no smoking” symbol
  2. The Smokefree Helpline: “1-888-944-2247”
  3. The official Web site: “[www.iowaSmokefreeAir.gov](http://www.iowaSmokefreeAir.gov)”
- “No smoking” signs must be at least 24 square inches in size (e.g., 3” x 8” or 4” x 6”, etc.)
- Vehicle “no smoking” signs must be at least 9 square inches in size (e.g., 3” x 3”, etc.)
- Font type and size must be legible.

**POSTING OF SIGNS**

The Smokefree Air Act requires the posting of “no smoking” signs to inform persons they are entering a nonsmoking place. Signs must be posted in the following locations:

- At every entrance\* to a public place, place of employment, area declared a nonsmoking place, and outdoor areas where smoking is prohibited.
- Entrance means any doorway to an enclosed area used by the public or employees for ingress and includes the commonly understood points of entry to an outdoor area such as a driveway, sidewalk, pathway, access road, gate, or dedicated point of entry, but not including a street, road, highway, or sidewalk in the public right-of-way.
- Every vehicle that constitutes a public place, place of employment, or vehicle designated nonsmoking. Signs have to be visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

