

Indiana Campaign for Smokefree Air Resolution

The **Indiana Campaign for Smokefree Air** (ICSA) is working on legislation to ensure a smokefree indoor air environment in all workplaces in Indiana, including restaurants, bars and casinos.

Smokefree laws benefit businesses of all sizes, and their employees.

A number of economic studies show that comprehensive smokefree workplace laws have a positive impact on businesses by benefiting the health of workers, decreasing absenteeism, reducing janitorial and maintenance costs, lowering insurance rates and resulting in fewer smoking-related fires.

Smokefree laws keep people alive.

Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. It causes 35,000 – 40,000 deaths from heart disease every year, including 3,000 lung cancer deaths among otherwise healthy nonsmokers. Secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, including more than 50 known carcinogens. Comprehensive smokefree workplace policies reduce tobacco related illnesses and the costs of treating them.

Smokefree laws protect our most vulnerable residents.

Smokefree policies enable children, the elderly and people with certain health conditions to go about their lives without worrying that their health will be put at risk. Nonsmoking sections and ventilation systems don't eliminate exposure to cancer-causing chemicals, as even the best ventilators are incapable of removing the free-floating poisons of secondhand smoke.



ICSA Needs Your Support

ICSA is currently developing advocacy, educational and media materials, setting up meetings with legislators in their districts and coordinating campaign strategy. ICSA invites you to join our campaign. If your **board of health** would like to formally support this effort and mobilize local activists to educate policymakers, the public and the media about this initiative, **please sign and return this resolution**. To print a new copy visit www.smokefreein.com.

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Resolution of the _____ County Local Board of Health

Whereas, The Surgeon General states: "The debate is over, the science is clear, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes premature death and diseases ..."

Whereas, secondhand smoke is a workplace hazard and no employee should have to choose between a job and their health in order to earn a living; and

Whereas, all credible economic studies show communities with comprehensive smokefree workplace laws have not seen a negative impact on the hospitality industry or any other sector; and

Whereas, smokefree policies decrease absenteeism among non-smoking employees, reduce housekeeping and maintenance costs, lower insurance rates and reduce smoking-related fires; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, the only way to effectively protect individuals from the hazards of secondhand smoke is to **completely** eliminate indoor smoking;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the undersigned members of the _____ County Local Board of Health hereby asks the members of the Indiana General Assembly to support comprehensive legislation calling for smokefree air in all workplaces including: restaurants, bars and casinos to protect all employees; and is a supporting member of the Indiana Campaign for Smokefree Air:

Local Board of Health _____
Contact Person's Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____, IN Zip Code _____
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Please complete and submit the resolution to Danielle Patterson:

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