

Smoke-Free Public Buildings

Depending on Assistance Needed, Call:	
DC Tobacco Control Program	202- 442-5433
LEA Contact	
Other	

Situation Description

Secondhand smoke is a proven health hazard. The DC Department of Health Functions Clarification Amendment Act of 2006 prohibits smoking in most public places. The law has been in effect since April 4, 2006. It is a violation of District law for any person to smoke in an area where it is prohibited. It is also a violation for an employer, owner, manager or person in authority to permit smoking in prohibited areas or failure to post “No Smoking” signs.

Prohibited areas include Educational Facilities, Workplaces and Public Places. “No Smoking” signs are available in English or Spanish from the District of Columbia Tobacco Control Program at 202-442-5433 or via email at tabaccocontrol@dc.gov.

Procedures

School administrators will continue to ensure that facilities remain tobacco free and enforce “No Smoking” policies and compliance with the “Smoke Free Workplaces Law”.

The DGS Environmental Health and Safety as outlined in the “Healthy School Act 2010” and EPA Tools for Schools will monitor facilities to assist in “No Smoking” policy and conduct routine and complaint driven inspections.