

Smoke-Free Arizona Act Newsletter

Outdoor Areas

Per the Smoke-Free Arizona Act, A.R.S. 36-601.01 (“the Act” or “the Law”), smoking is allowed outdoors as long as smoking occurs at least 20 feet away from entrances, open windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed public places and places of employment where smoking is prohibited, unless defined differently by a local ordinance. Local ordinances may be more restrictive. If a greater distance is in place, citizens should abide by that rule. This applies to all outdoor areas mentioned below. Please keep in mind that a proprietor may designate any outdoor area as **non-smoking**.

Sidewalks, Walkways, Breezeways and Bus Stops

Smoking is allowed in any outdoor area unless specified differently by a local ordinance. This means that smoking is allowed on sidewalks, walkways, in breezeways, and at bus stops.

Parks

Smoking is allowed in parks; however, if you are not sure whether your local park or outdoor recreational area follows a stricter smoking ordinance, contact your city for more information.

Outdoor Venues

Outdoor venues may include **outdoor** sports stadiums, concert arenas, horse tracks, racetracks, or fairgrounds. Smoking is allowed in these types of venues. Outdoor venues may have their own smoking policy in addition to the Act.



Tip: Before attending an outdoor event, call the venue or check with event organizers if you need more information about their smoking policy.

Swimming Pools

Smoking around **outdoor** swimming pools is allowed as long as smoke is not infiltrating enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited. Enclosed areas near pools may include offices, snack bars, activity centers, clubhouses, bathrooms, or changing rooms.

Swimming pools may have their own smoking policy set by the proprietor. Multi-family housing residents should follow the smoking policy set by the proprietor of their residential complex. Citizens visiting their public pool should abide by any smoking policy even if the policy is stricter than the Act. Keep in mind that Smoke-Free Arizona Program officials can only enforce the provisions defined in the Act.

Outdoor Areas in Public Places and Places of Employment

Proprietors of public places and places of employment may implement in-house smoking policies regarding their outdoor areas.

Smoke-Free Campuses

Many proprietors of public places and places of employment in Arizona are choosing to provide smoke-free campuses for their visitors, employees, and other patrons. The Act allows proprietors to declare an entire outdoor area as a non-smoking place.

Smoke-Free Areas

Proprietors may choose to designate certain areas as smoke-free areas where smoking is prohibited. Proprietors may consider identifying these areas as non-smoking.



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