

VAPE-FREE POLICIES IN SMOKE-FREE PLACES

A BLUEPRINT FOR GOING VAPE-FREE

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RATIONALE



Vapor products produce an aerosol, which contains nicotine and other chemicals, and can be hazardous to the health of employees and customers. This aerosol can also leave a residue on surfaces. Allowing the use of vapor products in smoke-free environments can confuse the public and reverse the progress of current smoke-free laws. Many businesses owners are choosing to help protect their employees and customers by adopting additional policies which incorporate vapor products into existing smoke-free laws.

Note: Vaping devices can be used for marijuana, which is prohibited anywhere in public (Initiative 502, Section 21).

RCW 70.160 protects the public from secondhand smoke by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment. In Washington state, as a private business owner, you also have the right to prohibit vaping on your premises.

CURRENT REGULATIONS



VOLUNTARY POLICY



If you choose to enact a voluntary vaping prohibition policy, there are several best practice recommendations. Make sure any policy you enact applies to all people, including staff and customers, and that your staff are made aware of the new policy.

Your Local Health Jurisdiction can help supply signage and draft a vape-free policy. Call us to ask how!
Contact:

Recommended

Prohibit and enforce no smoking and vaping indoors and in outdoor seating and dining areas where employees are expected to work.

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Prohibit and enforce no smoking and vaping within 25 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes.

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Post "No Smoking. No Vaping." signs at all entrances and throughout the workplace in prominent locations so that staff and customers can clearly see them.