

Smoke-Free Workplace

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- Nonsmokers regularly exposed to secondhand smoke suffer death or morbidity rates 30 percent higher than that of unexposed nonsmokers.
- Bar employees' exposure to secondhand smoke is four to six times higher than other food or beverage service workers.
- Working a shift in a smoky bar is equivalent to actively smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes per day.

No Smoking, Thank you.

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- The Centers for Disease Control, American Lung Association, American Cancer Society and American Heart Association all agree that secondhand smoke kills approximately 53,000 nonsmoking Americans annually from a combination of lung and heart disease, making it the third leading cause of preventable death.
- Secondhand smoke contains 4,000 chemicals including cyanide, formaldehyde, arsenic, carbon monoxide, methane and benzene.
- To date, no ventilation system has been shown to remove the cancer causing chemicals found in secondhand smoke. No ventilation equipment manufacturer or even any cigarette manufacturer will make that claim.
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