

**SMOKEFREE STATUS OF HOSPITALITY VENUES AROUND THE WORLD***July 1, 2008*

The following list provides the status of smokefree laws with respect to restaurants and bars in various countries across the globe.<sup>a</sup> Those nations highlighted in **blue** indicate that restaurants and/or bars must be 100% smokefree. Those nations highlighted in **green** have enacted a 100% smokefree law that is not yet in effect. Call or write the respective department of health or embassy to express appreciation for the country's smokefree law or disappointment in the lack of smokefree protection for workers, residents, and visitors. Countries marked with a (\*) connote that they have signed and ratified the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).<sup>b</sup> For further information, contact the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation at (510) 841-3032, or email us at [anr@no-smoke.org](mailto:anr@no-smoke.org).

**Canada\***

<b>Alberta</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>British Columbia</b>	All restaurants and bars are smokefree.
<b>Labrador</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>Manitoba (Winnipeg)</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>New Brunswick</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Newfoundland</b>	All restaurants and bars, including outdoor seating areas and patios, are 100% smokefree.
<b>Nunavut</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	All restaurants and bars, including outdoor seating areas and patios, are 100% smokefree.
<b>Ontario</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Yukon</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

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<sup>a</sup> Smokefree status is based on information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and web searches.

<sup>b</sup> Negotiated under the backing of the WHO, the FCTC is the first international public health treaty designed to reduce tobacco-related disease and death around the world by imposing restrictions on tobacco advertising, sponsorship and promotion; establishing new packaging and labeling requirements for tobacco products; strengthening smokefree indoor air laws to protect the public from secondhand smoke exposure; and strengthening tobacco smuggling legislation. The FCTC went into effect on February 27, 2005.

**Quebec** All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.

### **Caribbean**

**Bermuda** All restaurants, bars, and clubs are 100% smokefree.

**British Virgin Islands** All restaurants, bars, and clubs are 100% smokefree.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico** All restaurants, bars, clubs, and casinos are 100% smokefree.

**Cuba** Restaurants and cafeterias may designate smoking areas.

### **Central and South Americas**

**Argentina** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars. Lawmakers are discussing legislation that would create smoking rooms in restaurants and bars.

**Brazil\*** Restaurants and bars have smoking areas.

**Chile\*** Beginning in 2007, larger restaurants must provide smoking sections and smaller restaurants must decide whether they will permit smoking throughout or be smokefree. Minors are not permitted in smoking areas.

**Costa Rica** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Ecuador\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Guatemala\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Mexico\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Paraguay\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Peru\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Uruguay\*** All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.

### **Europe**

**Belgium\*** Restaurants are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. No smokefree protection for bars and cafes.

**Czech Republic** Restaurant, cafes, and bars are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Smoking is not permitted in restaurants during meals.

<b>Denmark*</b>	Smoking is prohibited in bars, cafes and restaurants bigger than 100 sq m, although separate smoking areas are permitted. Bars smaller than 40 sq m which do not serve food are exempt.
<b>England*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100%.
<b>Finland*</b>	Restaurants and bars currently have smoking sections. As of June 2007, smoking will be restricted to separately enclosed smoking rooms. No food or beverage may be brought into these areas. Large restaurants have until June 2009 to construct separately enclosed smoking rooms.
<b>France*</b>	All restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Germany*</b>	Restaurants, bars, and pubs have smoking sections. Restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree in Lower Saxony and Baden-Wurtemberg through local legislation.
<b>Greece*</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.
<b>Italy</b>	Restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed and separately ventilated smoking rooms.
<b>Ireland*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Montenegro*</b>	Restaurants and bars have smoking areas.
<b>Netherlands*</b>	Restaurants and bars have smoking sections.
<b>Northern Ireland*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Norway*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Russian Federation*</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.
<b>Scotland*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.
<b>Serbia*</b>	Restaurants and bars have smoking areas.
<b>Spain*</b>	Restaurants and bars that are larger than 100 square feet have eight months (until August 2008) to install enclosed smoking rooms. Smaller establishments must post their smoking status.
<b>Sweden*</b>	Restaurants, bars, and cafes are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Food and beverage may not be served in these smoking rooms.
<b>Wales*</b>	All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.

## Africa

<b>Algeria*</b>	Smoking is restricted in restaurants and bars.
<b>Eritrea</b>	Restaurants without liquor licenses are 100% smokefree. No smokefree protection in bars.
<b>Kenya*</b>	Legislation to restrict smoking in public places has passed. The courts are still interpreting whether restaurants and bars are included.
<b>Namibia*</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars. Discussions for making all bars smokefree are underway.
<b>Nigeria*</b>	No smokefree protections in restaurants and bars.
<b>South Africa*</b>	Restaurants and bars have smoking areas.
<b>Uganda*</b>	Smoking is allowed in separately ventilated areas of restaurants, bars, and discos, but if a business owner cannot create a separate area, the facility must go smokefree.
<b>United Republic of Tanzania*</b>	Restaurants have smoking areas. No smokefree protection in bars.

## Middle East

<b>Egypt*</b>	Smoking is not allowed in enclosed public places, as specified by the Secretary of State for Health.
<b>Kuwait*</b>	Restaurants and bars have smoking sections.
<b>Islamic Republic of Iran*</b>	All restaurants (and any roofed area) are 100% smokefree.
<b>Israel*</b>	Smoking is permitted in the management areas of restaurants. Smoking is not allowed in restaurant dining areas. Bars have smoking areas.
<b>Pakistan*</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

## South Asia

<b>Bangladesh*</b>	No smokefree protection for restaurants and bars. Discussions for making restaurants smokefree are underway.
<b>Bhutan*</b>	All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.
<b>India*</b>	No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Maldives\*** The following islands have 100% smokefree restaurants and bars: **Hathifushi, Haa Alifu atoll Berinmadhoo, Haa Dhaalu atoll Nolhivaramfaru, and Meemu atoll Madhifushi.** Smoking is prohibited in all Maldivian restaurants that are “air-conditioned.”

**Nepal\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

### **East Asia and the Western Pacific**

**Democratic People’s Republic of China \*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Fiji\*** Restaurants have smoking areas. No restrictions in bars.

**Hong Kong** Restaurants and karaoke lounges are 100% smokefree. Bars will go smokefree in July 2009.

**Indonesia** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Japan\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**New Zealand\*** All restaurants, bars, and casinos are 100% smokefree.

**Philippines\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Republic of Korea\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

**Singapore\*** Bars and pubs may set up separately ventilation smoking rooms.

**Taiwan** Restaurants have smoking areas. No restrictions in bars.

**Thailand\*** All restaurants’ seating areas are 75% nonsmoking and have ventilation systems installed. No restrictions in bars.

**Vietnam\*** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars.

### **Australia\***

**Capital** All restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree.

**New South Wales** All restaurants, bars and pubs are 100% smokefree.

**Northern Territories** No smokefree protection in restaurants and bars. A review of legislation is underway.

**Queensland** All restaurants, bars, and pubs are 100% smokefree, including outdoor areas where food and drink are served.

**South Australia**

All restaurants, bars and pubs are 100% smokefree.

**Tasmania**

All bars and pubs are 100% smokefree.

**Victoria**

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