



The voters of Washington State have spoken in favor of smoke-free public spaces and workplaces. Educating your staff about the law and why it is good for public health will serve you well in adequately addressing customer questions and concerns. The Whatcom County Health Department wants to help you, your employees and customers to better understand and comply with the law. Included here are some tips and facts about successfully implementing the law, for more information please see *Brochure for Business Owners*, and other material on our website at www.whatcomcounty.us/health.

Tips for Successful Implementation of Washington Smoke Free Law (I-901)

- All “public places” and “places of employment” are included under the law, meaning any portion of any building or vehicle used by and open to the public or workers, whether the building is owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities, and whether or not an entry/membership fee is charge.
- Owners or lessees of all businesses and workplaces are required to post signs prohibiting smoking. Signage must be conspicuous at building entrances and in prominent locations throughout a building.
- No smoking should be allowed within 25 feet of entrances and exits, including windows that open and ventilation intakes.
- In addition to signage at entrances and inside buildings, in hotels and motels no less than 75% of sleeping quarters available for rent to guests will be required to be smoke free.
- This law does include membership-only clubs that have employees and/or allow guests onto the premises.
- Smoking break rooms, employee garages and covered entryways will no longer be allowed to have smoking.
- Tribes are Sovereign Nations, and are exempt from the law.