

UPDATED SMOKE-FREE ILLINOIS ACT (2024) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



When will the new policy go into effect?

January 1st, 2024

How do I enforce this change in policy as a business owner?

Business should already have been enforcing the Smoke-Free Illinois Act when it was only combustible cigarettes - take those same practices and apply them to the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

Where is vaping prohibited?

The updated Smoke-Free Illinois Act enforces that vaping is prohibited anywhere cigarette smoking is prohibited; including restaurants, bars, college campuses, gas stations, healthcare facilities, and government-owned properties.



What is a reportable offense for the updated SFIA policy?

Champaign-Urbana Public Health will respond to complaints received where smoking or vaping occurred indoors or within 15-feet of entrances and windows of a business. C-UPHD's enforcement of SFIA does not include complaints in private residences, apartment complexes, or people smoking/vaping while walking.



How do I file a report on vaping?

Reports can be made on C-UPHD's [website](#).



How will I know if a report was filed towards my business?

Any complaints towards a business result in a warning letter sent by CUPHD explaining the nature of the complaint and tips for becoming compliant. Any future complaints received for the same business in a calendar year will result in an investigation and potential citation.



What is the fine for vaping?

Any businesses found in violation of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act after an investigation will receive a citation that can range from \$250-\$2,500 depending on frequency of complaints received and evidence of vaping found. The business will be responsible for paying any citations.



Do businesses need to update their “No Smoking” signs?

The updated Smoke-Free Illinois Act requires businesses to also update their signage to ensure e-cigarettes/vaping devices are included with combustible cigarettes.



Where can businesses get new signs?

Businesses can request free updated signage through CUPHD by filling out [this form](#). Copies of the new signage can also be printed off the [IDPH website](#).

How can businesses be compliant?

Make sure to update your “No Smoking” signs to include vaping/e-cigarette devices, ensure that your staff know the updated policy, and enforce by asking any patrons to stop vaping. If the issue can be resolved by staff, there is less chance reports will be filed to C-UPHD.

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