

Policy Priority: Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act

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Close the loopholes in Nevada's Clean Indoor Air Act to protect every employee and visitor of indoor workplaces and public spaces including minimum distance requirements from entry/exit spaces.
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Establish comprehensive smoke-free laws that will significantly reduce health spending and save lives in Nevada.

A recent study shows projected effects of a comprehensive law would result in **health care cost savings of \$500 million annually** associated with emergency and in-patient hospital visits linked to coronary, cerebrovascular and respiratory conditions.¹

Current State of Nevada

The Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act² (NCIAA) is intended to protect adults and children from secondhand smoke and aerosol from electronic vaping products in most indoor public places.



But exemptions in the law result in **nearly 40% of Nevada's workforce not receiving the clean indoor air protections** most people now take for granted.

Nevadans who are unprotected include those who work in or visit the following places:

- Areas of casinos where minors are prohibited
- Stand-alone bars, taverns, and saloons where minors are prohibited or that don't offer food service
- Retail tobacco stores
- Strip clubs or brothels
- Convention floors at tobacco-related trade shows

Legislative Trends

Smoke-free hospitality venues across the nation are thriving. Even the President of the American Gaming Association agrees that **smoke-free gaming "hasn't led to a decrease in business."**³

In the U.S., 22 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands have laws in effect that **require state-regulated casinos to be smoke-free**. More than 1,150 cities and counties require non-hospitality workplaces, including restaurants and bars, to be 100% smoke-free.⁴

The Navajo Nation, the largest enrolled Native American Tribe, has a law **requiring all its casinos to be 100% smoke-free**.⁴

In Nevada and across the U.S., most people—**more than 84%—do not smoke and prefer a smoke-free environment.**⁵



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A Brief History



November 7, 2006
NCIAA was passed by
a majority of voters



December 8, 2006
NCIAA took effect



2011
State legislators
made substantial changes
to NCIAA, including
allowing smoking to resume
in stand-alone bars that do
not allow minors



2019
State legislators
update NCIAA to
**include vapor products or
e-cigarettes**

The Toll of Secondhand Smoke and Tobacco in Nevada

Exposure to secondhand smoke from burning and exhaled products causes disease and premature death among nonsmokers. **There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke, and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm.**⁶

Secondhand smoke causes an estimated **34,000 heart disease deaths** and more than **7,300 lung cancer deaths** each year in the U.S. Secondhand smoke can increase stroke risk by 30%.⁶

Ventilation, air filtration and designated smoking areas are **ineffective in protecting against exposure** to smoke and aerosol.⁷

Annual health care costs in Nevada directly caused by smoking are **\$1.06 billion**, and productivity losses caused by smoking are **\$1.09 billion**.⁸

Additional Resources/Links

1 NJPH_SmokingPolicy_Revised_2-1.pdf (nphaonline.org)

2 <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-202.html#NRS202Sec2483>

3 <https://www.playnj.com/news/bill-miller-aga-president-nj-gambling-smoking-casinos/58724/>

4 <http://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/mediaordlist.pdf>

5 https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/adult_data/cig_smoking/index.htm#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20nearly%2014%20of,with%20a%20smoking%2Drelated%20disease

6 <https://www.lung.org/quit-smoking/smoking-facts/health-effects/secondhand-smoke>

7 https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/about/position%20documents/pd_environmental-tobacco-smoke-2020-07-1.pdf

8 <https://truthinitiative.org/research-resources/harmful-effects-tobacco/impact-secondhand-smoke#:~:text=major%20depressive%20disorder-,ADULTS,to%2030%20percent%20in%20nonsmokers.>