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FACT SHEET Maryland Clean Indoor Air Act

What is the Maryland Clean Indoor Air Act?

The Maryland Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking and vaping in virtually all indoor workplaces in Maryland. The law provides for fair and consistent statewide protection from exposure to environmental smoke in indoor settings. Marylanders can now breathe clean, smoke- and vape-free air in indoor areas open to the public and workers in the state have healthier workplaces.

What products are prohibited to be smoked or vaped inside under the Clean Indoor Air Act?

This law applies to any substance that contains tobacco, cannabis, or hemp, including – but not limited to – a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or electronic smoking device (vape).

What locations are smoke- and vape-free under the Clean Indoor Air Act?

A person may not smoke or vape in: (1) an indoor area that is open to the public, including bars and restaurants; (2) a government-owned or operated mass transportation vehicle such as a bus, van, train, taxi, or limousine; or (3) an indoor place of employment.

What should I do if I see someone smoking in violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act?

Anyone who sees a violation of the law may file a complaint with the local health department or the Maryland Department of Health Environmental Health Helpline at:

1-866-703-3266 | mdh.envhealth@maryland.gov.

May local governments adopt their own clean indoor air laws with different provisions?

Yes. Counties and municipalities in Maryland may adopt a clean indoor air law that is consistent with or more stringent than state law.

What resources are available for people who wish to quit smoking?

Free services are available through the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments. For more information, call the Maryland Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW, go to www.SmokingStopsHere.com, or visit your local health department.

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