



Saginaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation: Frequently Asked Questions

What does the regulation do?

It eliminates smoking in all public and private worksites and public places (excluding bars and restaurants).

Why is this regulation needed?

Saginaw County needs clean indoor air for the health of its citizens and to reduce exposure to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is the second leading cause of preventable death in Michigan. A smoke-free regulation will create safer, healthier public environments and may decrease direct health care and insurance costs for employers.

How does secondhand smoke impact Saginaw County?

As many as 2,510 Michigan residents die every year from exposure to secondhand smoke, some of them reside in Saginaw County. Secondhand smoke is proven to cause heart disease, lung cancer, emphysema and asthma.

Are there other health benefits to the regulation?

Smoke free policies have been proven to prompt smokers to quit. Regulations have also kept others from starting to smoke and decreased the number of cigarettes smoked by smokers.

What about businesses?

Businesses can benefit from lower insurance premiums, less absenteeism among employees, lower maintenance expenses and less legal liability.

Is smoking allowed outside a building under the Clean Indoor Air Regulation?

Smoking is prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of all regulated worksites and public places. Other outdoor areas are not regulated.

I don't see the answer to my question on this page. Is there another source for answers?

Yes. Our team in Environmental Health is prepared to answer questions relating to the Saginaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation. Please call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday: (989) 758-3686.