

Vermont

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

The possession of lighted tobacco products in any form is prohibited in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access and publicly owned buildings and offices, including restaurants and bars. See the definition of 'public places' in title 18, section 37-1741 of the Vermont Statutes for a complete list. Smoking is also prohibited in all workplaces as defined, see Private Workplaces section below.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 28-1421 to 28-1428 & 37-1741 et seq. (2014).

Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) areas not commonly open to the public of owner-operated businesses with no employees; 2) any portion of a structure that also serves as the employee's or employer's personal residence; and 3) residents of the Vermont veterans' home in areas where smoking is allowed.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 28-1421 to 28-1428 & 37-1741 et seq. (2014).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the above law shall be construed to supersede or in any manner affect a municipal smoking ordinance provided that the provisions of such ordinance are at least as protective of the rights of nonsmokers as the above provisions.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 37-1746 (1993).

Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited entirely in the common areas of buildings and offices owned, leased, or rented by state, county, or municipal governments, or by agencies supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from, funds derived from federal, state, county, or municipal taxes. Smoking is also prohibited in designated smokefree areas of property or grounds owned or leased by the state and in any other area within 25 feet of state-owned buildings and offices, except any portion of the 25-foot zone not on state property unless the owner chooses to designate their property smokefree too.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 28-1421 & 37-1741 et seq. (2014).

The use of lighted tobacco products is prohibited in virtually all workplaces. 'Workplace' means

Private Workplaces