

Department of Health

Vermont's Smoke-Free Laws: E-cigarettes and Clean Indoor Air (Act 108)

On July 1, 2016, Act 108 went into effect making Vermont the ninth state to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes and any electronic or battery powered device that delivers nicotine or other substances into the body through inhaled vapor (defined as tobacco substitutes in Vermont) in the same locations as lighted tobacco products. For more information or to report a violation, contact tobaccovt@vermont.gov or call 1-866-331-5622.

Hotels and Motels

- Expanding upon the protections of the Clean Indoor Air Act, Act 108 prohibits vaping in rooms and adjoining rooms rented to guests in hotels, motels and other lodging establishments.
- Complaints of violations of the Hotels & Motels component will be investigated and enforced by the Health Department's Food and Lodging Program.

Motor Vehicles

 Expanding upon the protections of Act 135 vaping is prohibited in motor vehicles occupied by children in a car seat or booster seat, which is required for children ages 7 and under.

Clean Air and Workplaces

- Expanding upon the protections of the Smoking in the Workplace statutes using tobacco substitutes is prohibited in nearly all indoor spaces of workplaces.
- An exemption to Act 108 is for businesses established for the sole purpose of providing a place to buy and use e-cigarettes and related goods, so-called "vaping lounges." Vaping lounges may not sell food or beverages.

Clean Air and Public Places- Examples of public places that prohibit smoking

- Buildings and offices
- Public transportation
- Common carrier waiting rooms, like bus stations
- Arcades, libraries, theaters, concert halls, auditoriums, arenas, shopping malls, etc.
- Restaurants, bars, and cabarets, including private clubs and bars
- Retail and grocery stores
- Buildings or facilities owned or operated by social, fraternal, or religious clubs
- Common areas of nursing homes and hospitals and all grounds of any State-owned or operated hospital or residential recovery facility
- Within 25 feet of all State-owned buildings and offices, excepting areas not owned by the State

For more information about the potential harms of using e-cigarettes, go to the Vermont Department of Health <u>advisory on e-cigarettes</u>.