

## Boston Public Health Commission Regulation Clean Air Works Workplace Smoking Restrictions

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When do the amended restrictions take effect?

A. The amended restrictions are effective immediately.

Q. Which outdoor areas must be smoke free according to the amended Regulations?

A. Any adjacent outdoor area, structure, or facility or any portion thereof at which one (1) or more employee(s) perform service for the employer. Examples include patios, loading docks, and adjacent outdoor areas where doormen or valet personnel may stand to assist guests.

Q. Can I reserve a smoking room in a Boston hotel?

A. According to the amendments, there are no longer any smoking rooms in Boston hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, or lodging houses.

Q. I am a business owner, where must I post No Smoking signs?

A. No Smoking signs must be posted in a clear and conspicuous manner in indoor and adjacent outdoor area such as patios, loading dock, and where doormen or valet personnel may stand to assist guests.

Q. Are smoking bars still allowed to operate in the City of Boston?

A. Smoking bars that hold a current permit with the Boston Public Health Commission shall be allowed to operate for an initial period of not more than ten (10) years from the date of passage of this amendment providing they comply with the current regulations.

Q. How can I get the new required signage?

A. Please call us at the Boston Public Health Commission's Tobacco Control Program at 617-534-4718 and we will mail the required signs. For large quantities, please call us in advance and we can have them available for you in our office.

Q. How is this being enforced?

A. This is being enforced by the Boston Public Health Commission, its subsidiary programs or designees, the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department, City of Boston Police Department, and the City of Boston Fire Department. Any violation of this regulation may be enforced in the manner provided in M.G.L. c.111 § 187, by the Boston Public Health Commission, its subsidiary programs or designees. Beginning March 11, 2009 any hotel found in violation of this regulation may receive an initial fine of \$200, with second and third violations incurring \$700 and \$1000, respectively.

Q. How can I get more information on the amended regulations?

A. By calling at 617-534-4718 or by visiting the web at: [http://www.bphc.org/board/pdfs/regs/CleanAirWorksWorkplaceSmokingRestrictions\\_12-11-08.pdf](http://www.bphc.org/board/pdfs/regs/CleanAirWorksWorkplaceSmokingRestrictions_12-11-08.pdf)