

Smokefree Idaho

Everyone has the right to breathe clean air

Smokefree Idaho is a coalition of individuals and organizations. We advocate for everyone's right to breathe clean air. Passing a comprehensive clean indoor air ordinance is the best mechanism to protect ALL workers.

Currently Idaho state law protects many employees from the dangers of second hand smoke. All employees should be protected because the health hazards are real and measureable. No one should have to choose between a job and good health. Nonsmokers working in smoky environments double their risk of getting lung cancer. On the other hand, smoke free policies decrease absenteeism among non-smoking employees and increase productivity.

We believe the Idaho economy benefits from a healthy workforce. Providing smokefree workplaces is an effective way to prevent the many illnesses and diseases caused by exposure to secondhand smoke and will save Idaho taxpayers and businesses money.

Smokefree Idaho educates communities about the dangers of secondhand smoke. Smokefree Idaho also encourages people to ask their city councils to pass local ordinances banning smoking in bars. It is vital that people in a community protect others in the community.

Smokefree Idaho has many endorsers. An abridged list follows:

- American Heart Association
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
- Idaho Academy of Family Physicians
- Idaho Medical Association
- Idaho Physicians Network
- St. Alphonsus Health System
- St. Luke's Health System

Because people listen to and respect their health districts, we feel a state-wide endorsement from all health districts would demonstrate how dangerous secondhand smoke is, thus encouraging people to advocate for everyone's right to breathe clean air.



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