

## The Louisiana Smoke-Free Air Act (Act 815)

### Covers:

- Restaurants (including those with bars and the bar located within the restaurant)
- Cafeterias
- Sandwich stands
- School cafeterias
- Kitchens
- Catering facilities
- Banks
- Healthcare facilities
- Hotel-motel lobbies
- Public transportation
- Sports arenas
- Theaters
- Shopping malls
- Laundromats
- Reception areas/waiting rooms
- Retail stores
- Places of employment (including work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways and vehicles)
- Private residences when used for licensed child care, adult day care or health care facility
- Private vehicles that are used for transporting children for child care, health care or adult day care centers or those that are carrying children under age 13 (under Act 838)
- Educational facilities
- Schools (elementary and secondary)
- School buildings, the entire campus within the school gates, and all school buses

# Louisiana Smoke-Free Air Act (Act No. 815)

**The Louisiana Smoke-Free Air Act (Act No. 815)**, effective January 1, 2007, prohibits smoking in most public places and workplaces, including all restaurants with or without attached bars. Smoking is currently allowed in stand-alone bars and casinos. Local communities are also allowed to strengthen the Act with stricter local ordinances.

**Act No. 838**, effective August 15, 2006, prohibits smoking in motor vehicles when children under the age of 13 are present.

Louisiana's Smoke-Free Air Act has been seen as a major turning point for our state. Louisiana is now among national leaders in an effort to protect Americans from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

### *How to Comply with Act 815 and Associated Fines*



**“No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol** must be clearly posted, and ashtrays must be removed where smoking is prohibited. Penalties may be cited by any law enforcement officer by giving a citation or summons to appear before a court of proper authority. Fines are different for individuals than they are for employers. Fines for individuals are: \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third or subsequent offense.

Fines for employer violations are: \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense. Half of the fines collected will go to the Office of Public Health's Tobacco Control Program.

# The Louisiana Tobacco Quitline



[QuitWithUsLa.Org](http://QuitWithUsLa.Org) 1.800.QUIT.NOW

**Quitting smoking** can be a difficult decision to make, especially on your own. The Louisiana Tobacco Quitline offers statewide services to provide coaching and support to people ready to quit.

**The Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW)** provides free and confidential advice and support to Louisiana residents, ages 13 and older, who are ready to quit smoking. Phone-based behavioral counseling is available in English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to help callers kick the habit and improve the quality of their lives. Counseling is available in other languages through interpretive services.

Callers also have access to Web Coach™, an interactive website, designed to complement and enhance the phone-based behavioral counseling sessions.

For more information and online support, visit the Quit With Us, Louisiana website at [www.QuitWithUsLA.org](http://www.QuitWithUsLA.org). You can also find us at [www.Facebook.com/QuitWithUsLA](http://www.Facebook.com/QuitWithUsLA) and on Twitter @QuitWithUsLA.

## For More Information



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