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According to the U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke exposure is harmful at any level. Therefore, many cities and counties in California have taken steps to protect their residents from this danger by passing ordinances that restrict smoking in recreation areas, including parks, beaches and trails. While California state law only restricts smoking within 25 feet of tot lots and playgrounds, municipalities are specifically authorized to pass stronger laws to prohibit smoking within all recreation areas.

There are 389 municipalities in California that have restricted smoking in at least some recreation areas beyond state law. The table below lists all of these cities and counties and divides the policies into three categories:

1. Municipalities that restrict smoking in all recreation areas with no designated smoking areas

There are 247 municipalities with this type of policy. This is the strongest type of restriction because no designated smoking areas are allowed, ensuring that residents will not be exposed to secondhand smoke in all recreation areas.

2. Municipalities that restrict smoking in all recreation areas but allow designated smoking areas

There are 51 municipalities with this type of policy. Examples of this type of policy include allowing designated smoking areas that meet certain conditions in all parks or only in specific areas of certain parks. The policies do a lot to protect people from secondhand smoke, but mean that people can continue to be exposed to secondhand smoke in certain parts of recreation areas.

3. Municipalities that restrict smoking in some recreation areas

There are 91 municipalities with this type of policy. These policies range from only restricting smoking at beaches to restricting smoking within certain recreation areas during fire season to only restricting smoking at specific parks or skate parks. While these ordinances do protect people from secondhand smoke exposure in some recreation areas, there is still more that can be done to restrict smoking at and protect residents from secondhand smoke in all recreation areas.

For more information about smokefree recreation areas and other restrictions on smoking in outdoor areas, visit <http://center4tobaccopolicy.org/smokefree-outdoor-areas>. These resources include information on the need for and benefits of these policies, a list of cities and counties that have adopted comprehensive outdoor secondhand smoke ordinances and answers to tough questions about smokefree outdoor policies.

County	Restricts Smoking in All Recreation Areas	Restricts Smoking in All Recreation Areas But Allows Designated Smoking Areas	Restricts Smoking in Some Recreation Areas
Alameda County	Alameda Alameda County Albany Berkeley Dublin Emeryville Fremont	Hayward Oakland Piedmont Pleasanton San Leandro Union City	Livermore
Alpine County			Alpine County
Amador County	Jackson		Ione
Butte County	Chico		Biggs Paradise
Colusa County	Colusa	Williams	Colusa County
Contra Costa County	Clayton Contra Costa Co. Danville El Cerrito Hercules Lafayette Martinez	Oakley Orinda Pinole Pittsburgh Pleasant Hill Richmond San Ramon Walnut Creek	Concord
Del Norte County	Crescent City		
El Dorado County	South Lake Tahoe	Placerville	El Dorado County
Fresno County	Firebaugh Fresno Kerman Kingsburg	Orange Cove Reedley Sanger Selma	Clovis Coalinga Fresno County
Glenn County		Orland	Willows
Humboldt County	Arcata Blue Lake	Eureka Fortuna	
Imperial County	Calexico	Imperial	Imperial County
Inyo County	Bishop		Inyo County
Kern County	Bakersfield Ridgecrest Tehachapi	McFarland	Shafter Kern County
Kings County			Lemoore
Lake County	Clearlake	Lakeport	
Lassen County	Susanville		

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Los Angeles County	Alhambra Agoura Hills Arcadia Baldwin Park Bell Gardens Beverly Hills Calabasas Carson Cerritos Claremont Compton Covina Culver City Duarte Downey El Monte Gardena Glendale Glendora Hawaiian Gardens Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Huntington Park Inglewood La Canada Flitridge	La Habra Heights La Mirada La Verne Lawndale Lomita Long Beach Manhattan Beach Monrovia Monterey Park Pasadena Redondo Beach Rosemead San Dimas San Fernando San Gabriel Santa Clarita Santa Monica South El Monte South Pasadena Temple City Torrance Walnut Whittier	Bell Burbank Commerce Los Angeles Los Angeles County Norwalk Palmdale Rancho Palos Verdes Santa Fe Springs South Gate	Avalon Diamond Bar El Segundo Irwindale La Puente Lynwood Malibu Maywood Palos Verdes Estates Pico Rivera Ponoma Rolling Hills Sierra Madre West Covina	
Madera County				Chowchilla Madera	Madera County
Marin County	Belvedere Corte Madera Fairfax Larkspur Marin County Mill Valley Novato	Ross San Anselmo San Rafael Sausalito Tiburon			
Mariposa County	Mariposa County				
Mendocino County	Fort Bragg	Ukiah		Willits	
Merced County				Atwater	Merced
Modoc County	Alturas				
Mono County	Mammoth Lakes			Mono County	
Monterey County	Carmel-by-the-Sea Gonzales	Pacific Grove Salinas		King City Marina Monterey	Sand City Soledad
Napa County	Napa St. Helena	Yountville American Canyon	Napa County		
Nevada County	Nevada City		Grass Valley		

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Orange County	Dana Point Costa Mesa Fountain Valley La Palma Laguna Beach Laguna Hills Laguna Niguel	Laguna Woods Newport Beach Placentina Santa Ana Seal Beach Tustin	Buena Park Irvine San Clemente		Aliso Viejo Cypress Fullerton Garden Grove Huntington Beach	Lake Forest Los Alamitos Mission Viejo Orange County
Placer County	Roseville				Lincoln Placer County	Rocklin
Plumas County					Plumas County	
Riverside County	Banning Beaumont Calimesa Corona Hemet	Murrieta Palm Desert Palm Springs Temecula	Eastvale Jurupa Valley Moreno Valley	Riverside Riverside County Wildomar	Coachella Desert Hot Springs Indio	La Quinta Norco Perris
Sacramento County	Citrus Heights Rancho Cordova		Elk Grove Folsom Sacramento		Galt Sacramento County	
San Bernardino County	Adelanto Apple Valley Colton Grand Terrace Fontana Loma Linda	Ontario Rancho Cucamonga Redlands Rialto Victorville Yucaipa	Chino Hills		Chino San Bernardino San Bernardino Co. Upland Yucca Valley	
San Diego County	Chula Vista Coronado Del Mar El Cajon Encinitas Escondido	Imperial Beach Lemon Grove National City San Diego County Solana Beach Vista	Carlsbad La Mesa Oceanside Poway San Diego San Marcos		Santee	
San Francisco County	San Francisco					
San Joaquin County					Lathrop Lodi San Joaquin County	
San Luis Obispo County	Arroyo Grande Atascadero Grover Beach Morro Bay	Paso Robles Pismo Beach San Luis Obispo			San Luis Obispo County	
San Mateo County	Colma Belmont Brisbane Burlingame Daly City East Palo Alto Foster City Half Moon Bay Hillsborough	Menlo Park Pacifica Redwood City San Bruno San Carlos San Mateo San Mateo County South San Francisco			Woodside	
Santa Barbara County	Buellton Carpinteria Santa Barbara	Santa Maria	Goleta Lompoc Santa Barbara County			

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Santa Clara County	Campbell Cupertino Los Altos Los Gatos Milpitas	Palo Alto San Jose Santa Clara County Saratoga Sunnyvale	Morgan Hill		Gilroy Mountain View	
Santa Cruz County	Capitola Santa Cruz County		Santa Cruz Scotts Valley	Watsonville		
Shasta County	Redding				Anderson	Shasta County
Sierra County					Sierra County	
Siskiyou County	Mount Shasta				Siskiyou County	Weed
Solano County	Vallejo	Benicia	Vacaville Solano County	Suisun City	Fairfield	
Sonoma County	Cloverdale Cotati Healdsburg Petaluma Rohnert Park	Santa Rosa Sebastopol Sonoma Windsor	Sonoma County			
Stanislaus County	Hughson Modesto Turlock				Ceres Oakdale	Patterson Riverbank
Sutter County	Live Oak Sutter County	Yuba City				
Tehama County					Red Bluff	
Trinity County					Trinity County	
Tulare County	Exeter Dinuba				Lindsay Tulare	Tulare County
Ventura County	Camarillo Moorpark Oxnard	Ventura Ventura County	Ojai		Thousand Oaks	
Yolo County	Winters Davis		Woodland West Sacramento			
Yuba County			Yuba County			