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According to the U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke exposure is be 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 outdoor areas where people congregate, such as fairs, farmer's markets, parades, concerts and other similar events that take place on public property.

There are 159 municipalities in California that have restricted smoking at public events. The table below lists all of these cities and counties and divides the policies into three categories:

1. Municipalities that prohibit smoking at all public events

There are 102 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 at any public event.

2. Municipalities that restrict smoking at all public events but allow designated smoking areas

There are 19 municipalities with this type of policy. These jurisdictions allow separate designated smoking areas away from the primary event area. Such policies do a lot to protect people from secondhand smoke, but mean that people can continue to be exposed to secondhand smoke in certain areas at public events.

3. Municipalities that restrict smoking at some public events

There are 38 municipalities with this type of policy. Examples of this type of policy include restricting smoking only at farmer's markets or outdoor stadiums. While these ordinances do protect people from secondhand smoke exposure at some public events, there is still more that can be done to restrict smoking at and protect residents from secondhand smoke at all public events.

Other Resources

The Center has other resources on outdoor secondhand smoke ordinances available on our website at:

www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/tobacco-policy/smokefree-outdoor-areas

To view sample language for drafting outdoor smoking ordinances, please visit ChangeLab Solutions at:

www.ChangeLabSolutions.org

County	Prohibits Smoking at All Public Events		Prohibits Smoking at All Public Events but Allows Designated Smoking Areas	Restricts Smoking at Some Public Events
Alameda County	Alameda Albany Berkeley Fremont	Piedmont San Leandro Union City Emeryville		Dublin Hayward
Alpine County				Alpine County
Butte County				Paradise
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa Co Clayton El Cerrito Hercules Lafayette Martinez	Oakley Orinda Pinole Richmond San Ramon	Pleasant Hill	Concord
Del Norte	Crescent City			
Fresno County	Firebaugh	Selma		
Glenn County				Orland
Humboldt County	Arcata Eureka	Fortuna	Blue Lake	
Imperial County	Calexico	El Centro		
Kern County	Bakersfield	Delano		
Lassen County				Susanville
Los Angeles County	Arcadia Calabasas Carson Compton Glendale Hawthorne Hermosa Beach	Huntington Park Inglewood La Habra Heights Manhattan Beach Pasadena San Fernando Temple City	Beverly Hills Burbank Downey La Canada Flintridge Bell	Baldwin Park Long Beach Los Angeles Malibu Palmdale Santa Monica Bell Gardens La Mirada
Marin County	Belvedere Corte Madera Fairfax Larkspur Marin County Mill Valley	Novato Ross San Anselmo Tiburon	San Rafael Sausalito	
Mariposa				Mariposa County
Mendocino County	Ukiah			
Mono County	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County		
Monterey				Pacific Grove
Orange County	Dana Point Laguna Woods	Laguna Beach		
Riverside County	Hemet	Palm Dessert	Temecula	
Sacramento County	Rancho Cordova	Citrus Heights	Folsom	
San Bernardino County	Loma Linda			Rancho Cucamonga Redlands San Bernardino Co
San Diego County	Coronado Del Mar	El Cajon Solana Beach		
San Francisco County	San Francisco			

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San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo	Paso Robles	Morro Bay		
San Mateo County	Belmont Burlingame Colma Daly City	Foster City Hillsborough San Bruno	Menlo Park	East Palo Alto Half Moon Bay	
Santa Barbara-County	Santa Barbara Santa Barbara-County	Solvang	Carpinteria		
Santa Clara County	Campbell Los Altos Los Gatos	Palo Alto Sunnyvale	Morgan Hill	Mountain View San Jose	Saratoga Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County	Capitola	Watsonville			
Shasta County			Anderson		Shasta County
Siskiyou County	Mount Shasta				
Solano County					Suisun City
Sonoma County	Cloverdale Cotati Healdsburg Rohnert Park	Santa Rosa Sebastopol Sonoma Windsor	Petaluma Sonoma County		
Sutter County	Sutter County				
Trinity County					Trinity County
Tulare County					Visalia
Tuolumne County					Tuolumne County
Ventura County	Camarillo Moorpark	Oxnard Ventura County	Thousand Oaks		Ojai Ventura
Yolo County	Davis	Woodland			