

## States and Municipalities with Laws Regulating Use of Electronic Cigarettes

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The following list includes states and municipalities with **laws currently in effect** that regulate where use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) is prohibited. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that are designed to mimic cigarettes by vaporizing a nicotine-laced liquid that is inhaled by the user. The use of e-cigarettes in workplaces and public places is a significant public health concern, not only because of their unregulated constituents and the potential health impact of the vapor on users and bystanders, but also because e-cigarette use causes public confusion as to where smoking is allowed, resulting in compliance problems with smokefree laws.

Most local and state smokefree laws were enacted before e-cigarettes were on the market, so while such laws do not explicitly mention e-cigarettes, it should not be assumed that their use is permitted. Existing smokefree laws are often interpreted to prohibit e-cigarette use in their smokefree provisions.

In the 100% Smokefree Venues column, the following abbreviations are used:

**W** = Non-Hospitality Workplaces

**R** = Restaurants

**B** = Bars


**G** = Gambling facilities.

Please note, this document shows the number of places, not the number of laws. Some places have multiple laws. Please visit our [lists page](#) to see information by law in chart format. For more information on e-cigarettes, visit our [e-cigarette resource page](#).

## State Laws Regulating Use of E-cigarettes

### State Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in 100% Smokefree Venues

Other state laws that do not explicitly address e-cigarettes might be interpreted as prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in existing smokefree provisions.



State	100% Smokefree Venues In Which Use of E-cigarettes Prohibited	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
1. Connecticut	RBG	No	
2. Delaware	WRBG	Yes	Vapor establishments.
3. Hawaii	WRB	No	
4. Maine	WRB	No	
5. North Dakota	WRBG	No	
6. New Jersey	WRB	No	
7. Oregon	WRBG	No	
8. Utah	WRB	Yes	Retailers that sell e-cigarettes, until 7/1/17.

## State Laws Regulating E-cigarette Use in Other Venues

State	Prohibited In:	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
1. Arkansas	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited on school district property.	No	
2. California	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited at Orange County Fair, including amphitheater, grandstand, and bleacher seating areas.	No	
3. Colorado	Definition of tobacco product for purposes of prohibition of use on school property amended to include e-cigarettes, unless approved by FDA as cessation devices.	No	
4. Georgia	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes and hookahs, prohibited everywhere on campuses of University System of Georgia, with limited exceptions for educational purposes and research.	No	
5. Illinois	As of 7/1/15, smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all campuses of State-supported institutions of higher education, including buildings, grounds, parking lots, and vehicles owned by institutions. Enclosed research laboratories are exempt.	No	
6. Kansas	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all Dept. of Corrections property and grounds, by both employees and inmates. Per opinion of Attorney General, Indoor Clean Air Act of 2010 does not apply to e-cigarettes.	Yes	All places where smoking is prohibited per 3/12/10 law, including workplaces, restaurants, bars, gambling facilities, and public places generally.
7. Kentucky	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all properties of State Executive Branch, including buildings, vehicles, and land, but excluding specific outdoor areas such as parks, Kentucky Horse Park, and Kentucky State Fairgrounds. Per Governor's Office, does not apply to State colleges and universities.	No	

State	Prohibited In:	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
8. Maryland	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes prohibited on MARC commuter rail system trains.	No	
9. Minnesota	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in State and local government buildings, facilities of State colleges and universities, facilities licensed by Commissioner of Human Services, and facilities licensed by Commissioner of Health.	No	
10. New Hampshire	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in public educational facilities and on grounds thereof.	No	
11. Oklahoma	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited in all Dept. of Corrections facilities, including vehicles and grounds.	No	
12. South Dakota	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited in Dept. of Corrections facilities and on grounds thereof, by both employees and inmates.	No	
13. Texas	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in specified public places.	Yes	Designated areas in specified public places.
14. Virginia	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on Virginia Railway Express trains and limited to 100 feet on north end of station platforms.	No	
15. Vermont	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on school grounds and at child care facilities, both indoors and outdoors.	No	
16. Wisconsin	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited at indoor facilities of State Fair and at main stage area.	No	