

Smoking bans



Jan 1998: California is first U.S. state to ban smoking in most public venues. 15 states now have bans

Oct 2003: Iran bans smoking in public buildings and tobacco advertising – ban has little effect

Mar 2004: Ireland imposes nationwide ban on smoking in all workplaces

May: India bans smoking in public places – ban has little effect

Jun: Norway introduces total ban on smoking in restaurants and bars

Oct: Hong Kong plans to extend ban on smoking to offices, bars and restaurants by August 2006

Dec: New Zealand extends 1990 ban to restaurants, pubs, clubs, casinos and school grounds

Feb 2005: Cuba bans smoking on public transport, offices, theatres, schools and sports arenas

Mar: Bangladesh passes law banning smoking in public venues

Jun: Sweden bans smoking in restaurants

Oct: Singapore extends smoking ban. Ukraine bans smoking in public places

Feb 2006: British parliament votes overwhelmingly to ban smoking in bars and private clubs in England. Indonesia bans smoking in public places in capital Jakarta