

Smokefree building entrances in New Zealand



An optimum policy would involve smokefree areas within 10m of doorways, windows, and any air inlets, and smokefree pavements within 15 metres of school and hospital gates, driveways and other entrances.

Fresh air: Smokefree entrances would enable employers and public authorities to protect people as intended by the Smoke-Free Environments Act, as:

- Smoking *outside* near windows and doors results in significantly higher smoke levels in adjacent *indoor* areas, affecting the safety of workers and the public indoors, contrary to current law.^{1,2}
- Significant tobacco smoke effects occur at over 10m from groups of smokers,³ and at least 9m from a burning cigarette in light winds.⁴

Public support

- A 2010 New Zealand survey found 82% support (66% of smokers) for smokefree areas within 5 metres of the entrance of buildings used by the public.⁵
- A 2013 Auckland survey found 84% support for smokefree building entrances.⁶

Effective policies are in place elsewhere

- In Queensland,^{7,8} and New South Wales for all non-residential buildings that the public use.⁹
- Washington State, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota, Hawaii, Utah and New Mexico and many cities in the USA (eg, San Francisco).¹⁰⁻¹⁴
- Six Canadian provinces require smokefree areas around doorways and windows in buildings used by the public.¹⁵



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**Thank You for
Not Smoking**

On public property (sidewalks, streets, or alleys) or within 25 feet of doors or windows of businesses.

Per City of Coronado Municipal Code Section 36.08

NO SMOKING
WITHIN 15 FT OF ENTRYWAY



INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES
If you see someone smoking, please notify the manager.
If the problem persists, please call 311 and report it.



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