

## Kit to Assist Business Owners with New Law

A business tool kit is available to assist business owners with implementation of the new Kansas smoke-free law. The new indoor smoking restrictions take effect July 1<sup>st</sup> when smoking will be prohibited in public places, work places, restaurants, bars and within 10 feet of any doorway, open window or air intake.

The kit contains a link to download or print signage for businesses; sample written smoking policies; instructions on enforcement of the law; information on fines for owner/operators and smokers; a list of the locations exempt from the new law and a Class A & B club exemption form.

The kit was designed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and is being distributed in the Kansas City area by the Johnson and Wyandotte County Health Departments. For more information about the Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act email: [kssmokefree@kdheks.gov](mailto:kssmokefree@kdheks.gov) or call 1-877-416-8547 or go to the Web site, [www.KSsmokefree.org](http://www.KSsmokefree.org).

### Cigarettes like "Toxic Waste Dump"

Stanton Glantz, who directs the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at UC San Francisco said, "a cigarette is like a little toxic waste dump on fire. If you're upwind of it, you don't have much effect. But if you happen to be in the plume — or you're congregating around a doorway — you can get quite high levels of exposure."



Kansas Smoke-Free  
INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT

## Local Celebration for New Smoke-Free Law

The new Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act takes effect on July 1. The act was passed by the Kansas House of Representatives on February 25, 2010 and signed into law by Governor Mark Parkinson on March 12, 2010.

**Area advocates and supporters are invited to celebrate the start of the new law on Thursday, July 1st at Johnny's Tavern in Olathe, KS (10384 Ridgeview Rd. Olathe, KS. Ridgeview and K-10).**

**The celebration kicks off at 5:30 pm and will last for two hours. Local advocates will be recognized for their support of smoke-free policies.**

Throughout the state clean indoor air advocates and supporters will begin to celebrate this historic public health bill.

While businesses statewide are getting acquainted with the new law there is a new website, [www.KSsmokefree.org](http://www.KSsmokefree.org), where customers and business owners can find out more about what the Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act means for them.

Lawrence area small business owner, Phillip Rodriguez is excited about the new law and the 10 ft smoking restrictions around entry points to his family run restaurant. "When people smoke by the entry way that smoke goes into my restaurant and customers are forced to walk through it to enter the restaurant."

## Missouri: The Smoke Me State

According to a new study from the CDC, Missouri can now be considered one of the most smoker-friendly states in America. There are many contributing factors to this including the lowest tobacco tax in the nation at just 17 cents per pack, putting the state's tobacco tax even lower than South Carolina's tobacco tax.

Missourians have a higher chance of being exposed to smoke at work and home than the national average. There is not currently a smoking law throughout the state.

According to the CDC

65.9% of families have no smoking restrictions in their own homes compared to the national average of 77.6% of households that do.



Nationwide Missouri ranks 10th on the list in adult deaths from smoking with 307 persons out of 100,000 dying from smoking related deaths.

The state of Missouri spends 1.7% of the recommended amount on tobacco prevention programs including media and education campaigns. There are only two other states, Mississippi and Tennessee, that spend less than Missouri.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services acknowledges that more could be done to help this public health problem. After teaming up with MLB teams in both Kansas City and St. Louis for anti-smoking public service announcements the state saw calls to their quit-line more than double.