

**WAC 296-307-590 Environmental tobacco smoke in the office—Summary.**

**Employer responsibility:**

To eliminate exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in the office work environment.

The employer must prohibit tobacco smoke in the office work environment.

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**Note:** This rule does not preempt any federal, state, municipal, or other local authority's regulation of indoor smoking that is more protective than this section.

**Definitions:** **Office work environment.** An indoor or enclosed occupied space where clerical work, administration, or business is carried out. In addition, it includes:  
a. Other workplace spaces controlled by the employer and used by office workers, such as cafeterias, meeting rooms, and washrooms.  
b. Office areas of manufacturing and production facilities, not including process areas.  
c. Office areas of businesses such as food and beverage establishments, agricultural operations, construction, commercial trade, services, etc.  
**Smoking.** A person is smoking if they are:  
a. Lighting up;  
b. Inhaling;  
c. Exhaling;  
d. Carrying a pipe, cigar or cigarette of any kind that is burning.

**Link:** For work environments outside the office, contact the local health department using the link <http://www.secondhandsmokesyou.com> or by calling them directly.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 20-21-091, § 296-307-590, filed 10/20/20, effective 11/20/20; WSR 06-22-023, § 296-307-590, filed 10/24/06, effective 12/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, [49.17].040, and [49.17].050. WSR 01-17-033, § 296-307-590, filed 8/8/01, effective 9/1/01.]