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Free no smoking signs available

The Knox County Health Department has free, laminated, adhesive signs for local businesses and public places required to post the sign as part of the new Smoke Free Workplace Law that went in to effect Dec. 7, 2006

The signs are 5” x 7” and are available on either a clear or white background. They feature the international “no smoking” symbol and the designated toll-free number for reporting violations. There is no charge for the signs.

Under the new law, “no smoking” signs must be posted at each entrance of all “public places” and “places of employment.” The signs must be clearly visible and legible, and must contain the designated toll-free number for reporting violations. Under the proposed rules for enforcement, the signs must be at least 4” x 6”. Local businesses and other public places are not required to use the signs provided by the health department. They can purchase signs from other sources or create their own signs as long as the signs are the minimum size, say “no smoking” or have the international “no smoking” symbol in red and list the designated toll-free number for reporting violations. The international “no smoking” symbol is a pictorial presentation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar diagonally across it.

For more information or to request free “no smoking” signs from the health department, contact Mike Whitaker, at 392-2200, ext. 2233 or mwhitaker@knoxhealth.com