

# Indoor Clean Air Act Compliance Study Report 2009

## Executive summary

The Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act extends Oregon’s smokefree workplace law to include bars, bowling centers and bingo halls. The law also prohibits smoking or the presence of ashtrays within 10 feet of any entrance, exit, window or ventilation intake. To assess statewide compliance with the expanded law, the Oregon Tobacco Prevention and Education Program conducted an observational study of bars and bowling centers.

## Key findings

- Compliance with the indoor smoking ban is high statewide.
- The only observed violations of the indoor smoking ban were for “outdoor” smoking structures that were illegally enclosed. These noncompliant smoking structures are actually indoor areas. About 5 percent of all bars throughout the state were allowing smoking indoors because of illegally enclosed smoking shelters.
- While the majority of bars had posted signs prohibiting smoking, only one in five had displayed all required signage. Violations of the 10-foot rule were more common among bars without appropriate signage posted.

## Results

- No one was observed smoking in the indoor business area of any bar or bowling center assessed. At 73 percent of bars and 100 percent of bowling centers no one was seen smoking within 10 feet of doorways, windows, or air intake vents. Five percent of bars statewide had an illegally enclosed “outdoor” smoking area. Statewide, only about 20 percent of bars and bowling centers had all required signs posted about smoking restriction

