

# **NO SMOKING PERMITTED!!!**

## **New York State's Clean Indoor Air Act**

Effective July 24, 2003, the amended New York State Clean Indoor Air Act (Public Health Law, Article 13-E) prohibits smoking in virtually all workplaces. The changes in the Act reflect the state's commitment to ensuring that all workers are protected from secondhand smoke.

The Act states that smoking shall not be permitted and that no person shall smoke in places of employment. Employees with private offices cannot smoke in their office, or anywhere in the building.

The Act prohibits employers from providing a smoking break room for employees. Businesses with separately ventilated rooms for their smoking employees cannot allow smoking in these rooms or anywhere else in the building.

Employees and the public may report, confidentially, violations of the Act to their local health departments, county board of health or their district health office for action. You can find the telephone number in the government section of your telephone book, or at [www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us).

The enforcement officer for a city or county health department can assess a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation. In areas where the State Health Department is the enforcement officer, a fine of up to \$2,000 may be assessed.

For more information about the Act, call 1-800-458-1158, ext. 2-7600.

If you smoke and want to quit, call the New York State Smokers' Quit Line at 1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487), for free information, or visit [www.nysmokefree.com](http://www.nysmokefree.com).