

## Massachusetts Smoke-Free Workplace Law And Questions about Bingo

The Smoke-Free Workplace Law, M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22, mandates that enclosed workplaces with one or more employees must be smoke-free. The state law's intent is to protect workers in enclosed workplaces from secondhand smoke exposure. The full text of the law and additional information (*including DPH Regulation 105.CMR 661.000*) are available at [www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp).

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has received many calls about smoking at Bingo games under the statewide smoke-free workplace law. Below are some of the most common questions and answers. Please call 1-800-992-1895 for information about specific situations.

**Question:** Is smoking allowed at a Bingo game at a school?

**Answer:** No. The law prohibits smoking in all schools, including private schools and parochial schools.

**Question:** Is smoking allowed at a Bingo game at a workplace?

**Answer:** No. If the location employs one or more employees, it must be smoke-free.

**Question:** Is smoking allowed at a Bingo game in a membership association?

**Answer:** If the Bingo game is open to the public, it must be smoke-free. A membership association, as defined in the law, includes non-profit private clubs and religious organizations. Membership associations must be smoke-free when open to the public.

The full text of the law, a brief summary, fact sheets and no smoking signs are available at [www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp).