

# WISCONSIN GOES SMOKE FREE ON JULY 5, 2010

- Soon Wisconsin will join the 28 other states that have gone smoke-free.
- The smoke-free workplaces law goes into effect on July 5<sup>th</sup> at Midnight (really the night of July 4<sup>th</sup>).
- The law covers all workplaces and public places including restaurants, bars, private clubs, government buildings of all kinds, theatres, child care centers, sports arenas, hotels/motels, company vehicles, and correctional and educational facilities.



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- Cigar bars and tobacco retailers meeting certain criteria will be exempt from the law.
- Smoking must occur outside and needs to be a “reasonable distance” from smoke-free establishments.
- The intent of reasonable distance is for outdoor areas to be far enough to not let smoke drift back into the building, but the exact distance is left up to the individual business.
- Reasonable distance is not zero.



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- Smoking will still be allowed in private residences and personal vehicles.
- A few great resources:
  - <http://www.wibettersmokefree.com/>
  - <http://www.smokefreewi.org/implementation/>
- Make sure you get out to support your local businesses and enjoy the smoke-free air!
- If you observe smoking in an establishment that should be smoke-free call 1-800-NO-SMOKE to lodge a complaint. Complaints can also be made online at [www.wibettersmokefree.com](http://www.wibettersmokefree.com)

