

## Outdoor Buffer Zones



- The NJSFAA bans smoking at any exterior area if outdoor smoking results in migration, seepage or recirculation of smoke into an indoor public place or workplace where smoking is prohibited. (NJAC 8:6-2.3a and 2.3b) Smokefree buffer zones where indoor and outdoor air are exchanged may help compliance with state law.
- The NJSFAA permits public and private property owners to establish stricter smokefree outdoors policies on any property they control. Many businesses have 100% smokefree campuses; others have smokefree perimeters around all entrances or buildings.
- Some NJ localities require smokefree perimeters around government buildings, entrances/exits, or require the entire property be 100% smokefree.
- Smokefree perimeters outside multi-unit housing protect residents from illness. Learn about smokefree multi-unit housing here: [njgasp.org/housing.htm](http://njgasp.org/housing.htm)

## Smokefree School Properties

- 100% smokefree outdoor school campuses provide safe, clean and attractive environments for students, and safe and healthful workplaces for faculty and staff.
- Smoking is banned in all public and private K-12 school grounds, buildings and vehicles, and in any outdoor area where a school activity is taking place. NJSFAA, NJ.A.C. 8:6-7.1 and 2.
- Smoking is banned in all public and private college and university buildings, including student housing. NJSFAA.
- Some NJ colleges have 100% outdoor smokefree campus policies. Some colleges exempt private vehicles from their policy.

## Want to Quit Tobacco?

Go to [njgasp.org/quit\\_tobacco.htm](http://njgasp.org/quit_tobacco.htm) to find many resources. Or call the free NJ State Department of Health's Quitline at 866-NJ-STOPS or learn more at <http://njquitline.org>

## About GASP

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# Smokefree Outdoors for New Jersey



## Learn about the Benefits of Smokefree Parks, Recreation Areas & Outdoor Public Places

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## Outdoor Smoking: Harmful?

- Outdoor secondhand smoke (SHS) can pose a health hazard to people, animals and our environment. There is no safe level of exposure to SHS, a known "Class A" human carcinogen.



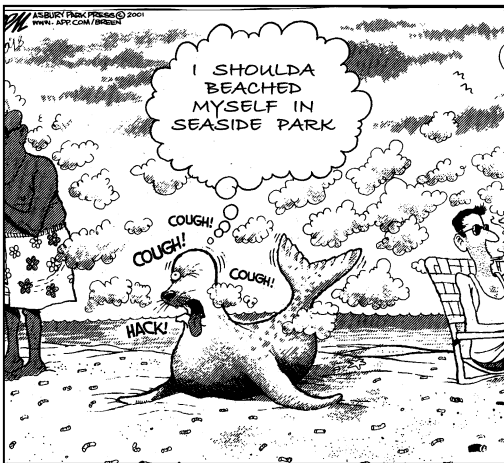
- Studies show bystanders near outdoor smoking have elevated cotinine levels in their. Cotinine is a nicotine metabolite, occurring only when the body is exposed to biologically active levels of nicotine.
- Tobacco litter pollutes our environment. During two days of NJ beach cleanup in 2010, volunteers collected over 50,000 pieces of discarded smoking materials.

## Smokefree Outdoors Benefits

- 85% of NJ residents are nonsmokers. Most people who smoke want to quit.
- Outdoor smokefree policies meet worker, resident and customer expectations of a clean, healthy outdoor environment.
- Outdoor smokefree policies compliment "green" initiatives like Sustainable NJ, by reducing air pollution and tobacco waste.

## Smokefree Outdoor Parks and Recreation Areas

- 100% smokefree parks and recreation areas are safer for children and the elderly, who can be especially susceptible to immediate illness from SHS exposure.
- Toddlers and animals may ingest smoking litter, like discarded cigarette butts, and experience serious illness as a result.
- Smokefree policies lower park cleanup costs by reducing littering. Tobacco waste is often the most common form of park litter.
- More than 210 NJ municipalities and counties enacted outdoor bans that eliminate or restrict smoking in parks, at playgrounds, recreation fields, swimming pools, beaches, near government buildings.
- As of 2012, Paterson has 100% smokefree parks. Since 2011, Seaside Park has 100% smokefree parks, beaches and playgrounds.
- On May 23, 2011, NYC banned smoking at all city outdoor recreational areas under the city's Department of Parks and Recreation for all five city borough. The law covers 1,700 public parks and 14 miles of beaches.



## Smokefree Outdoor Dining

- Smokefree outdoor dining creates a safe experience for families and a safe work environment for waitstaff. Children and seniors can be particularly susceptible to adverse health impacts from SHS.



- Restaurants can create 100% smokefree outdoor dining policies, enforceable by law under the NJSFAA.
- Municipalities can pass smokefree outdoor dining ordinances. NYC's pop-up cafés in parking spaces must be smokefree. In the U.S., over 230 municipalities, 5 states, and Puerto Rico have passed smokefree outdoor dining ordinances/laws.
- 100% smokefree dining has been a requirement for outdoor sidewalk café licenses in the City of Passaic since 2010.
- NJ surveys conducted by GASP and surveys in other states show that the vast majority of people prefer smokefree dining.
- Contact GASP for sample smokefree outdoor dining policies used by other municipalities in NJ.