

SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES



THE BENEFITS OF SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES

Smoke-free policies have been known to:



Improve:

- Social norms regarding acceptability of smoking
- Air quality

Reduce:

- Youth and young adult smoking initiation
- Heart attack and asthma hospitalization among youth
- Secondhand smoke exposure

Among adult employees who do not smoke, **secondhand smoke can cause heart disease, stroke and lung cancer.**



1 in 5 U.S. WORKERS are exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace.

THE COST OF SECONDHAND SMOKE



\$5.6 BILLION

a year in **lost productivity costs** due to secondhand smoke exposure.

The costs of cleaning and renovating buildings where tobacco smoking is allowed increases due to factors like **litter from cigarette butts, yellowed walls and odors.**



Worksites that allow smoking spend about **\$728 more per 1,000 square ft** annually in maintenance costs for office space than smokefree worksites.

With U.S. commercial buildings averaging between 12,000 to 19,000 square ft, there is an estimated extra cost of about **\$9,000 to \$14,000 yearly.**

Smoking increases the risk of fires and injuries, which can **increase health and building costs up to 30%.**

STILL NOT CONVINCED?

76%

of ATL voters favor a law that **prohibits smoking** inside most public places*

75%

agree that the **ATL airport** should be included in a smoke-free law.

*<http://smokefreeatl.org/SF-ATL-poll-slides-for-public-release-final-10-18-17.pdf>.