



Division 08 **Health and Safety**

Chapter 21- Smoking Policy

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POLICY

This General Order shall establish a smoking policy for the employees/members of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.

Code of Maryland Regulations 09.12.23.01 outlines employer's responsibilities pertaining to the prohibition of smoking in enclosed spaces. The purpose of this order is to clarify the Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department's policy regarding smoking.

The objective of this General order is to ensure compliance with federal, state, and county smoking regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Smoking - to use or carry any lighted:

- Cigar
- Cigarette
- Pipe
- Other tobacco products of any kind

Indoor Place of Employment –includes, but is not limited to:

- An indoor work area
- A vehicle other than a private vehicle, when an employee uses it in the course of employment and it is occupied by more than one employee
- An employee lounge or restroom
- A conference and/or meeting room
- A classroom
- A cafeteria operated by an employer for

- use by its employees
- A hallway
- An assembly, conference, convention or meeting establishment or enclosed portion of the establishment

PROCEDURES

1. Implementation

Smoking shall be prohibited as follows:

- Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed workplaces
- **Smoking is prohibited on the scene of emergency incidents**
- At no time will members be allowed to smoke while on moving apparatus

All Departmental facilities shall post at each entrance to an indoor place of employment a sign stating that smoking is not permitted.

REFERENCES

COMAR 09.12.23.01

2007 Maryland State Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA)

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

N/A