



**SPOKANE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**POLICY #30.9**

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**SUBJECT: SMOKING**

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**1. GENERAL**

There is increasingly persuasive evidence that “passive smokers” (those who breathe the smoke expelled into the air by smokers) suffer from the same ailments known to plague smokers, though to a lesser degree. In recognition of the evidence, at least 36 states have enacted “Clean Indoor Air Acts,” Washington State among them. This policy details how the Library will implement Chapter 70.160 RCW, Smoking in public places (formerly Washington clean indoor air act).

This policy is divided into the following sections:

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**2. DEFINITIONS**

“Smoking” means the carrying or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment; or using any electronic device that simulates smoking.

“Public place” means that portion of any building or vehicle used by and open to the public. This includes but is not limited to: libraries, elevators, elevator lobbies, vestibules, entryways, reception areas, waiting areas, restrooms, conference rooms, and auditoriums.

**3. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of the Spokane Public Library that the public has the right to transact library business in a smoke-free environment and that employees have the right to work in a smoke-free environment. Therefore, no person may smoke in a public place, a training room, or in any building, vehicle, or area designated nonsmoking.

**4. IMPLEMENTATION**

“No Smoking” signs shall be conspicuously posted at the entrances of all buildings, in restrooms, and in staff rooms.

There shall be no smoking anywhere in any library facility, the entryway to any library facility, the sidewalks around any library facility, or in any library vehicle. Smoking-permitted areas will be designated, when practicable, upon employee request and will be limited to outdoors.

Managers and supervisors are responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Chapter 70.160 RCW, Smoking in public places (formerly Washington clean indoor air act) and this policy in their work areas.