

# Hotels and Motels

## **Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act**

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act eliminates smoking in enclosed indoor areas of workplaces and indoor public places. The purpose of the Act is to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment. In 2008, the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act was amended to require every indoor workplace in the state to be smoke-free. The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act goes into effect June 1, 2009.

## **Impact on Hotels and Motels**

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act allows hotels and motels to designate up to 20% of their guestrooms or suites as smoking rooms. If smoking is allowed:

- All of the smoking rooms on the same floor must be adjacent and;
- Smoke from smoking rooms must not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited by law.

## **Guestroom or Suite Defined**

A guestroom or suite is a sleeping room and directly associated private areas, such as a bathroom, a living room and a kitchen area, rented to the public for their exclusive transient occupancy. This includes but is not limited to, a guestroom or suite in a hotel, motel, inn, lodge or similar establishment.

## **Please Note**

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act does not require a hotel/motel to have smoking guestrooms or suites. Any hotel or motel may decide to adopt a policy to not allow smoking in all guestrooms. In fact, many hotels and motels have adopted smoke-free policies including Marriotts, Comfort Suites, Fairfield Inns and the Sandhills Guest House Inn in Atkinson.

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