E-Cigarettes, the Smokefree Workplace Law and What You Can Do

What is Required?
The Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law prohibits smoking tobacco inside and within 10 feet of all entrances, exits, windows that open, ventilation intakes and accessibility ramps per Oregon Administrative Rules 333-015-0025-333-015-0090. Signage or stickers indicating no smoking within 10' are required to be on every entrance and exit, even those not used by the public. Outdoor dining areas and tables within 10' of an entrance or exit are also required to have no smoking signage on each table.

Making Compliance Easier
Electronic Cigarettes (e-cigs)
E-cigs are battery-operated devices that are designed to look like, and be used in the same manner, as conventional cigarettes. Nicotine vapor, instead of smoke, is emitted from the device. State law does not currently prohibit the use of e-cigs; however, business owners are encouraged to include e-cigs in no-smoking policies. E-cigs pose serious health risks and challenges to enforcement of the Smokefree Workplace Law as it appears people are smoking indoors. Many businesses and agencies include prohibition of e-cigs in their tobacco and smoking bans.

Recommendations
✓ Include e-cigs into your tobacco-free and smoke-free policy
✓ Adopt completely smokefree outdoor dining areas
✓ Adopt a tobacco-free policy for you entire property and business

For more information please contact the Multnomah County Tobacco Prevention Program at hlth.tobacco.prevention@multco.us or 503-988-4163.

For help quitting, contact the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUITNOW or QuitNow.net/Oregon