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Mega-Jail Survey: Smoking Policies

Following is a summary of results of a Maricopa County survey of smoking policies of jails with inmate populations over 1,000. For further information, contact the facilities directly or call Barbara Judge, Maricopa County Detention Support Bureau, telephone (602) 256-5327.

Smoke-free Jails

- Alameda County, California
- Contra Costa County, California
- Fresno County, California
- Los Angeles County, California (by September 1991)
- Sacramento County, California—Main jail smoke-free; smoking outside only at correctional center.
- San Diego County, California
- San Francisco County, California (as of May 1991)
- San Joaquin County, California—Smoking is allowed in maximum security section of main jail.
- San Mateo County, California
- Denver County, Colorado—Detention center smoke-free; smoking allowed in inmate living area in county jail.
- Broward County, Florida
- Escambia County, Florida
- Hillsborough County, Florida
- Wayne County, Michigan—New facility will be smoke-free.
- Multnomah County, Oregon
- King County, Washington

Jails With Smoking Restrictions

- Maricopa County, Arizona—Inmates: no smoking in infirmary and in corridors during transport. Staff: in designated areas only.
- Orange County, California—Inmates: limited to housing areas, dayrooms, and outdoor recreational areas. Staff: smoking areas defined by county ordinance.
- Riverside, California—Inmates and staff: No smoking in meeting or dining areas.
- Ventura County, California—Staff: county prohibits smoking in buildings and county-owned vehicles.
- Orange County, Florida—Inmates: each facility designates areas in accord with State Clean Indoor Air Act. Staff: committees of smokers and non-smokers determine designated areas.
- Pinellas County, Florida—Inmates: smoking permitted in housing units and at recreation. Staff: designated smoking and non-smoking areas.
- De Kalb County, Georgia—Inmates: designated areas; non smoking housing unit in all classification/custody levels.
- Cook County, Illinois—Inmates: no smoking in living units. Staff: allowed in posted areas only.
- Marion County, Indiana—Inmates: no smoking in juvenile blocks, elevators, suicide tank, outside cells, or during classes. Staff: allowed on grounds and buildings except in elevators.
- New Orleans, Louisiana—Inmates and staff: certain medical areas restricted.
- Oakland County, Michigan—Inmates: allowed in areas designated by signs and specific housing units. Staff: allowed in areas designated by signs and in private departmental offices.
- Suffolk County, New York—Inmates: allowed in housing areas only. Staff: allowed in designated areas only.
- Hamilton County, Ohio—Inmates: not allowed in cells.
- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania—Inmates: restricted in dining hall, gym, visiting, and medical/mental health units only.
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Staff: allowed in designated areas including offices where all staff are smokers.
- Davidson County, Tennessee—Inmates: allowed in cells, day rooms, gym, and permitted offices. Staff: allowed in control rooms, assigned area for floor officers, and some offices.
- Bexar County, Texas—Inmates: allowed in living units and dayrooms, but not in transit. Staff: no smoking in offices.
- Dallas, Texas—Inmates: only restrictions are in kitchens, holdover area, and transport vehicles.
- El Paso, Texas—Inmates and staff: allowed except where posted.
- Richmond City, Virginia—Inmates: no restrictions. Staff: designated smoking areas only.

Jails Currently Developing Policies

- Dade County, Florida
- New York City, New York
- Tarrant County, Texas—Sometime in 1991 for new 1,400-bed facility.

Jails without Smoking Restrictions

- San Bernardino, California
- Fulton County, Georgia
- Harris County, Texas