



## Arkansas Department of Health

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**Governor Mike Beebe**

**Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE, Director and State Health Officer**

Dear :

The Department of Health has received a complaint and confirmed a violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act, Act 8 of the Extraordinary Session of 2006. This concerns smoking activity at your business location.

Act 8 was passed by the Arkansas Legislature to create smoke-free laws that protect workers and customers from the serious health hazards of secondhand smoke. The laws became effective on July 21, 2006, marking a day when Arkansas workers will no longer have to choose between a good job and good health.

The intent of Act 8 is to protect workers and the public from the health hazards of secondhand smoke. Employers have an obligation to protect their employees and customers by taking steps, such as posting signs and intervening when employees or customers light up. Likewise, employees and members of the public have an obligation to refrain from exposing fellow employees or members of the public to the health hazards of secondhand smoke by not smoking where smoking is prohibited by the law.

Failure to comply and **remain in compliance** with the Clean Indoor Air Act will result in this matter being forwarded to the Agency Legal Department. Forwarding the violation to the Agency Legal Department may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

Additional information about the Clean Indoor Air Act can be found at [www.ARCleanAir.com](http://www.ARCleanAir.com) . There are resources for businesses to use including employee notification, which you may post in your business, as well as frequently asked questions and information to help you implement the act in your business.

Sincerely,

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Director, Center for Local Public Health  
Division of Health

cc: Richard Murphree