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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING GOVERNOR'S POLICY ON SMOKING IN STATE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, state agencies should work to provide a safe, healthy and productive environment for employees and members of the public who are conducting business in state facilities. It has been medically documented that tobacco smoke can affect the health of smokers and non-smokers, interferes with productivity and results in long-term increased maintenance costs on facilities, including equipment. The purpose of this policy is to minimize these negative effects on all state personnel and the public and to standardize policy across state agencies under the authority of the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby direct agencies to eliminate smoking in all state facilities and buildings and state vehicles in order to provide a smoke-free, healthful environment for Washington State citizens and employees.

Agency heads, if they deem it essential, may develop a special policy for those: (a) employees who have personally assigned state vehicles when no other persons are riding with them, and (b) state institutions and state owned, leased or contracted for buildings which are residential facilities.

Agencies which have agreed to collective bargaining agreements on this topic shall continue to honor the existing agreement, but work to negotiate changes in compliance with this order at the earliest possible time. All agencies will involve their employees and their bargaining representatives when their agency develops policy to carry out this order. Copies of this policy should be distributed to all employees in a manner consistent with existing agency practice.

In addition, agencies shall provide appropriate assistance to employees who request help to stop smoking. This shall include making them aware of smoking cessation programs. Also, the State Wellness Program under the Department of Personnel has been asked to assist individuals and agencies in providing the above information and resources.

"Smoking", as used in this policy, refers to the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of any lighted, smoking equipment, including cigarettes, cigars or pipes.

This Executive Order is effective January 1, 1989, but may be implemented on an agency-by-agency basis at earlier dates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 29th date of August, A.D., nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

ACTING DEPUTY
Secretary of State