

# Smoke-Free Atlanta Coalition

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## *Did You Know...*

- Just 30 minutes of secondhand smoke exposure causes heart damage similar to that of a habitual smoker.
- Secondhand smoke causes lung and heart disease, cancer and premature death, and is the number one trigger of asthma.
- Working an eight hour shift in a smoky bar is the equivalent of smoking a pack of cigarettes.

## *We Believe...*

- Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air—free from the proven dangers of secondhand smoke. No one should have to risk their health in order to earn a paycheck or enjoy a night out in a restaurant or bar.
- Just like people in offices, workers in restaurants, bars, and other places that are not yet smoke-free have the right to breathe smoke-free air at work.
- No one should have to breathe secondhand smoke and put their health at risk as a condition of employment. It should not matter if one is white collar or blue collar, rich or poor, more or less educated.
- Under current Georgia state law, hospitality workers remain unprotected from the dangers of secondhand smoke in the workplace. Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air.

## *Our Campaign...*

- The current statewide law, the Georgia Smokefree Air Act of 2005, prohibits smoking in most public places, but exemptions in the law leave many workers still exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke on their jobs. Some areas of concern include allowing smoking in bars and restaurants with age restrictions, convention venues, employer-designated areas in workplaces and the international airport.
- The Smoke-Free Atlanta Coalition is working to ensure that the City of Atlanta protects ALL workers from the serious health hazards of secondhand smoke exposure.
- Share your story, volunteer or get more information by contacting Sandra Glaze at (404) 892-3405 or [sglaze@georgiapirog.org](mailto:sglaze@georgiapirog.org).

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***Because EVERYONE Deserves a Smoke-Free Workplace***

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