

**TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES**  
**DIVISION 3: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES**

**§ 3173. Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places.**

Except as otherwise provided in this article, smoking is hereby prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Galleries, libraries, and museums.
- (b) Areas available to and customarily used by the general public in businesses and non-profit entities patronized by the public, including but not limited to, professional offices, banks, laundromats, hotels, and motels.
- (c) Educational facilities, both public and private.
- (d) Elevators.
- (e) Facilities primarily used for exhibiting a motion picture, stage, drama, lecture, musical recital, or other similar performance.
- (f) Health care facilities.
- (g) Licensed child care and adult day care facilities.
- (h) Lobbies, hallways, and other common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities.
- (i) Polling places.
- (j) Buses and taxicabs.
- (k) Restaurants, including attached bars except as provided in 6 CMC § 3177(a).
- (l) Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common-use areas.
- (m) Supermarkets, retail food outlets, department stores, and retail stores.
- (n) Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings, under the control of an agency, board, commission or department, to the extent the place is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth government.
- (o) Service lines.
- (p) Shopping malls.
- (q) Sports arenas, including enclosed places in outdoor arenas.

**Source:** PL 13-38, § 4(103); repealed and reenacted by PL 16-46, § 3(3173), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission replaced a public law section reference with the corresponding codified section number pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(c).