

Signage Requirements

[San Francisco Health Code 19F Definitions](#)

Any person who owns, operates or manages property is required to take the following steps to prevent smoking on that property where it is prohibited under this Code:

- (1) Post clear and prominent signs at each entrance to the premises no higher than 8 feet and no lower than 5 feet, and within 10 feet of the door or the most appropriate place for visibility from outside, that read "Smoking only 1) at the curb, or 2) if no curb, at least 15 ft. from entrances, exits, operable windows, and vents" in letters no less than one half inch in height and include 1) the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a circle, with a diameter of at least three inches, with a bar across it, and 2) a statement at the bottom of the sign that reads "SF Health Code Article 19F" in font no less than inch in height. Persons that own, manage, or operate property that is LEED ("Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design") certified that has a smoking distance requirement greater than that specified in this ordinance shall post signs conforming to all the requirements in this Section that state that smoking only is allowed at that greater distance from the exists, entrances, and operable windows.
- (2) Post clear and prominent "no smoking" signs in any area on the premises where smoking is prohibited. For multi-unit housing complexes, the signs need only be posted in the common building lobby, common mailbox area, or common elevator.
- (3) Request that any person smoking in areas where smoking is prohibited under this Article refrain from smoking. But this subsection does not require a property owner or manager of a multi-unit housing complex of less than 16 units to make the request that a person refrain from smoking unless the owner or manager observes the person smoking in areas where smoking is prohibited under this Article, nor does this subsection require a property owner or manager of a business to enforce the smoking prohibition in Section 1009.22(d) outside a business by persons who are not patrons of the business, or a property owner or manager of a multi-unit housing complex to enforce a smoking prohibition outside the building by persons who are not tenants of the building.