What Should a Business Consider?

Below are important questions to contemplate when creating your smoking distance policy.

What smoking distance would be ideal? Think about the following questions.

What area might be best so people don't have to walk through smoke to get inside? What's to the left? Right? Behind?

Where are the prevailing winds coming from?

What other businesses/housing/common areas are around that might be affected?

Is this new location to smoke safe for customers/employees?

Make sure that this new policy also is complaint with the Clean Indoor Air Act by making sure that smoke is not infiltrating into the business through entryways, windows, or ventilation.

What other factors should you consider? Think about the following questions.

Where should signage be located?

Where should cigarette receptacles be placed?

What kind of cigarette receptacles would you use? Are they environmentally safe?

How are you developing/implementing the policy? Think about the following questions.

Are you including staff and customers in the creation of this policy?

How will you prepare to implement this policy?

How long in advance will you notify staff/customers before the policy goes into effect?

How will you let your staff know? Customers?

How will you train your staff to enforce the policy?

