



Information on Required Hookah Warning Signs for Permitted Non-Tobacco Hookah Establishments

A new amendment to the Smoke-Free Air Act prohibits all establishments from serving non-tobacco shisha unless they have a permit to operate as a non-tobacco hookah establishment. **Permitted non-tobacco hookah establishments must post warning signs.** The information below describes the posting requirements.

What do the warning signs say?

These signs describe the health risks related to smoking non-tobacco shisha and exposure to secondhand hookah smoke.

How many warning signs do I need and where do I have to post them?

The warning signs come in two sizes (small and large), and you will need to post at least one of each size. The signs must be clearly visible and meet the following posting requirements:

- You must post the small sign above, next to or on each entrance door. If there is more than one entrance, a small sign is needed at each entrance.
- You must post the large signs in each room or area, indoor and outdoor, where smoking hookah is allowed.

Where can I get additional hookah warning signs?

If you need more than the two signs provided by the Health Department in this mailing, please call 311.

Can I design my own warning signs?

No. You must use the Health Department's warning signs.

When does the new rule go into effect?

Once a permit is issued, you must comply with all parts of the law.

How does the Health Department enforce this rule?

The Health Department will enforce this rule by monitoring compliance with the Smoke-Free Air Act. An establishment not in compliance may be issued violations subject to fines.

If you have further questions, please email infobfscs@health.nyc.gov.