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# GSA Orders Smoking Ban In Buildings

The federal General Services Administration has struck a blow for nonsmokers by declaring cigarettes off limits in certain areas of federally operated buildings.

The smoking ban, said Jerry Kalt, GSA buildings manager in San Diego, will be effective "as soon as we can get the signs put up. We've already started posting the signs."

In fact, Kalt noted, a no-smoking poster already is in place in his office.

The GSA action here was the result of a set of regulations issued by GSA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and sent to

GSA officials across the country.

Specifically, the GSA ban extends to smoking in conference rooms, where nonsmokers can be trapped for lengthy periods in clouds of tobacco fumes, elevators, auditoriums, areas of cafeterias and some shuttle vehicles.

## BIGGEST EFFECT

Biggest immediate effect in San Diego will be in the federal courthouse and office building, 325 West F St.

The General Services Administration directly supervises the federal courthouse, while many other federal agencies spread across the city are housed in buildings leased by private owners.

Kalt said federal agencies who lease private space will be asked to put the no-smoking bans into effect in the space they rent.

The ban will become more general after May, 1975, when the new federal courthouse and office building complex opens across the street from the present federal courthouse.

There is no cafeteria in the present federal courthouse, but one will operate in the new federal building, and Kalt said that cafeteria will have separate sections for smokers and nonsmokers.

## ELEVATORS, HOSPITAL

The GSA official said smokers will be asked to forego lighting up in elevators in the federal courthouse and other federal agencies, and smoking will be allowed at Veterans Administration hospital only in the visitor waiting rooms and specifically designated employe lounges.

Despite the no-smoking signs already in place, smoking is common in federal courtrooms when federal judges are off the bench. Kalt said yesterday that situation will be reviewed.

"We'll read the regulations closely and if courtrooms are affected, we'll discuss the situation with the (federal) judges before any action is taken," Kalt said.

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