



The Smoke-free Regulations

The dangers to personal health from second-hand tobacco smoke have been recognised by the requirements of the Health Act 2006 and the Smoke-free Regulations 2006 and 2007.

From 1st July 2007 smoking will not be permitted in most enclosed workplaces and public places in England. If you smoke in these places - or allow smoking to take place – you will be breaking the law and be liable to a fine.

Signs

The law also requires that every workplace and enclosed public place must display “no smoking signs” of a minimum size of A5 (approx 210mm by 150mm). The standard no smoking symbol must be displayed together with the wording -

No Smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises



The signs can be obtained free of charge by ringing 0800 169 169 7.

Transport

All public transport, shared company cars, taxis and private hire vehicles are also covered by the requirements of the law. i.e. smoking will not be permitted inside at any time and a no-smoking sign must be displayed.

Compliance with the law

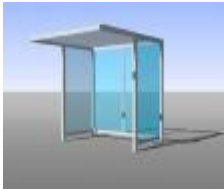
The easiest way to comply with the law is to

- Not allow smoking on your premises
- Display the required signs

However you may wish to provide new facilities for smokers outside your premises such as a shelter or tables and chairs.

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Shelters



Shelters must comply with the requirements of -

- Ø The Smoke-free Regulations (in particular half the vertical sides must be open to the outside air)
- Ø Planning considerations (location, design, restrictions relating to listed building etc)
- Ø Building Regulations (structure, access, etc)

Street Furniture



If you serve food and drink and are thinking of providing tables and chairs for customers in a public area you must apply for permission from the Council's Highway's Department. If you run licensed premises you should check with the council's Licensing department.

For more information see the individual information sheets in this pack or contact

Environmental Health – Tel (01274) 433928

Planning – (01274) 434605

Building Control – (01274) 433807 or (01535) 618010

Highways – (01274) 433730

Licensing – (01274) 432240

The national website – www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

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