

SMOKE-FREE BARS, CLUBS, HOTELS & RESTAURANTS

Guidelines for Staff

The Law

From 30th April 2007 smoking is not permitted in enclosed and substantially enclosed workplaces and places to which the public have access, including bars, hotels, all types of clubs, cafés and restaurants.

It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the premises to ensure no one, including the public, smokes in smoke-free premises. A person in charge who permits people to smoke on their premises may be liable to prosecution.

An individual who smokes in a smoke-free premise may be issued with a fixed penalty notice or may be prosecuted.

Why

Research has shown that, in non-smokers, exposure to second-hand smoke can increase the risk of lung cancer, heart disease, asthma and stroke.

If someone breaks the law

Approach the person in a non confrontational manner and:

1. Draw their attention to the 'No Smoking' signs.
2. Advise them that smoking is prohibited by law and politely ask them to stop smoking.
3. Advise them of any place where smoking is permitted, such as beer gardens or outside shelters.
4. Refuse service to anyone who continues to smoke and ask them to leave.
5. If a customer refuses to leave, follow usual procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour.
6. If threatened, seek assistance of the police. Do not put yourself in any danger.

