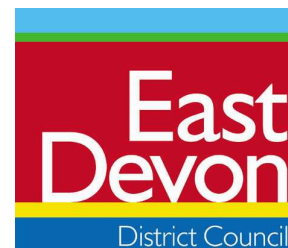




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Why England is going smoke free

The 10 reasons why England is going smoke free

1. Second hand smoke exposure kills people and harms health
2. Every worker has the right to be protected from tobacco smoke
3. Ventilation does not protect against exposure
4. Smoke free laws do not result in negative economic effects
5. Freedom of choice includes responsibility not to harm others
6. The public supports smoke free law
7. The public will comply with smoke free law
8. It has been successful elsewhere, it can be successful here
9. It is a cost effective public health intervention
10. Comprehensive smoke free policies work

From 1 July 2007 it will be against the law to smoke in virtually all enclosed and substantially enclosed public places and workplaces.

Public transport and work vehicles used by more than one person will also need to be smoke free.

No-smoking signs will have to be displayed in all smoke free premises and vehicles.

Staff smoking rooms and indoor smoking areas will no longer be allowed, so anyone who wants to smoke will have to go outside.

Managers of smoke free premises and vehicles will have legal responsibilities to prevent people from smoking.

If you are uncertain where you can or can't smoke, just look for the no-smoking signs or ask someone in charge.

If you don't comply with the new smoke free law, you will be committing a criminal offence. There are fixed penalty notices and fines for these offences.

Smoking in smoke free premises or work vehicles: a fixed penalty notice of £50 (reduced to £30 if paid within 15 days) imposed on the person smoking. Or a maximum fine of £200 if prosecuted and convicted by a court.

Failure to display no-smoking signs: a fixed penalty notice of £200 (reduced to £150 if paid in 15 days) imposed on whoever manages or occupies the smoke free premises or vehicle. Or a maximum fine of £1000 if prosecuted and convicted by a court.

Failing to prevent smoking in a smoke free place: a maximum fine of £2500 imposed on whoever manages or controls the smoke free premises or vehicle if prosecuted and convicted by a court. There is no fixed penalty notice for this offence.

A telephone helpline (0800 587 166 7) will also be in operation from 1 July 2007 to enable members of the public to report possible breaches of the law.

EAST Devon District Council is introducing innovative ways to help staff keep fit and healthy, thereby reducing absenteeism and increasing productivity.