

# factsheet

Leisure and Environment

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## **SMOKEFREE ENGLAND**

### **The legislation**

From 1st July 2007, virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will become smokefree.

This will include offices, factories, shops, pubs, bars, restaurants, membership clubs, public transport and work vehicles that are being used by more than one person.

The law will also mean that indoor workplace smoking rooms will disappear.

Businesses can register now to receive further information on going smokefree by calling the Smokefree England Information Line on 0800 169 1697 or visiting [www.smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk).

A smokefree England will ensure a healthier environment so everyone can socialise, relax, travel, shop and work free from second-hand smoke.

Second-hand smoke is estimated to increase a non-smoker's risk of getting lung cancer by 24% and the risk of getting heart disease by 25%.

### **What do I do checklist!**

Employers, managers and those in charge of smokefree premises and vehicles will need to:

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- display 'no smoking' signs in smokefree premises and vehicles;
- take reasonable steps to ensure that staff, customers/members and visitors are aware that premises and vehicles are legally required to be smokefree;
- ensure that no-one smokes in smokefree premises or vehicles.

### **You may also want to take these supportive measures:**

- remove ashtrays from smokefree areas
- develop a smokefree policy in consultation with staff
- provide your staff and customers with support to quit smoking
- ensure that your staff and customers know where they can smoke if they choose to
- employers and managers may also wish to support staff and customers to quit smoking.

### **Enforcement and Penalties**

Charnwood Borough Council will be the enforcing authority for the smokefree legislation for your workplace. The Government has proposed the following penalties and fines for the smokefree offences set out in the Health Act 2006:

- Smoking in a smokefree premises or vehicle: a fixed penalty notice of £50 or a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale (up to £200).
- Failure to display no smoking signs in smokefree premises and vehicles as required by smokefree legislation: a fixed penalty notice of £200 or a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (up to £1,000).



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- Failing to prevent smoking in a smokefree premises or vehicle: a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale (up to £2,500).

For further information on the Health Act 2006 and smokefree regulations and guidance then visit the NHS Smokefree website at [www.smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk) or the Charnwood Borough Council website at [www.charnwoodbusiness.com/smokefree.html](http://www.charnwoodbusiness.com/smokefree.html) or contact the Commercial Team on (01509) 634 628 or email [occupational.health@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:occupational.health@charnwood.gov.uk)

**Advice and support on Giving Up Smoking**

The NHS provides a wide range of free resources and advice. We encourage all employers to talk with the Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust ahead of July 1st to find out what support for staff and customers is available locally.

They may be able to visit your workplace in the lead up to implementation and provide advice to you and support for your staff if they are motivated to take this opportunity to quit smoking. The NHS Resolution Stop Smoking Service can be contacted on 01509 567766.

**If you require more information please contact:**

[www.gosmokefree.co.uk](http://www.gosmokefree.co.uk) or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 1697.



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