



Lisburn City Council

Environmental Health Service

Lisburn City Council's Environmental Health Officers will provide information and signage relating to smoke-free legislation.

For further advice on how smoke-free legislation will affect your business, contact the Council's Environmental Health Service on 028 9250 9394, email: ehhealth@lisburn.gov.uk or visit lisburncity.gov.uk

Helpful Websites

www.spacetobreathe.org.uk
www.lisburncity.gov.uk

Other useful contacts

For friendly help & advice on stopping smoking call the **Smokers' Helpline: 0800 85 85 85**

For information and advice on building control issues call **Building Control: 028 9250 9353**

For advice on planning issues contact **Planning Services: 028 4461 2211**

Local smoking cessation service at **Lisburn Health Centre: 028 9266 5181**



Smokers' Helpline
0800 85 85 85

Smoke-Free Legislation



What is required of you as a business proprietor?

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From the 30th April 2007 it will be against the law to smoke in most enclosed and substantially enclosed public places, workplaces, work vehicles and public transport. This includes offices, pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafes, community halls, shopping centres, schools, hospitals, work lorries and vans, taxis and buses.

Employers and managers of premises and vehicles classified to be smoke-free under the new legislation must display no-smoking signage and must ensure that no-one smokes in enclosed or substantially enclosed areas.

What about external smoking areas?



Businesses are not obliged to provide smoking facilities under the smoke-free legislation but those who wish to erect an external smoking area/shelter are advised to:

- Ensure that the area underneath the structure's roof or ceiling is more than 50% open. Walls, windows, doors and structures that serve the purpose of walls (e.g. fences or dense hedges) are considered to be closed.
- Consult with statutory bodies to ensure that the external smoking area complies with the law e.g. Environmental Health Service, Building Control, Planning Service
- Consider other issues, such as noise and litter, which could arise from people going outside to smoke.

What are the offences and associated fines?



There are three offences;

1. **Business proprietor's failure to display no-smoking signs** in smoke-free premises or vehicles - will be liable for a fixed penalty notice of up to £200 or possible prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000
2. **Business proprietor's failure to prevent smoking** in smoke-free premises or vehicles - will be liable for prosecution with a maximum fine of £2,500
3. **Anyone (employee or member of the public) smoking** in smoke-free premises or vehicle - will be liable for a fixed penalty notice of up to £50 or prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.



Who will be enforcing smoke-free legislation in Lisburn City?



Lisburn City Council's Environmental Health Service.

What should business proprietors do to prepare for smoke-free legislation?



- Identify areas where smoke-free legislation applies to your business
- Develop and implement suitable policies and procedures
- Consult with the Council on implementing smoke-free legislation
- Have a smoke-free policy for your business
- Develop a recording system within your business for smoking incidents after 30th April 2007.