

From 1 July...

Smokefree England

A new smoke free law will be introduced on 1 July. This will mean that people will be able to work, socialise, relax, travel and shop, free from second hand smoke.

The new law applies to enclosed and 'substantially' enclosed workplaces and public places and temporary structures such as tents and marquees. Indoor smoking rooms will no longer be allowed. People who want to smoke will have to go outside.

The full definitions of 'enclosed' and 'substantially enclosed' is available from the Council's Environmental Health section, but briefly, you will only be allowed to smoke in an area with a ceiling or roof if 50% or more of the sides are open.

There is no requirement for outdoor smoking shelters to be provided for staff or members of the public, but if you wish to install a shelter you must ensure that it complies with the smokefree legislation. You should contact Planning and Building Control to confirm if you require their permission. Licensed premises should discuss their plans with the licensing section.

Premises and vehicles

Work vehicles must be smoke free if they are used by more than one person – regardless of whether they are in the vehicles at the same time. Vehicles that are used for private purposes do not need to be smokefree.

Both premises and vehicles will need to display no smoking signs to comply with the Law. An A5 size sign must be used at each entrance to a smokefree place and must include specific wording (see top right). A smaller no-smoking sign without wording should be used in vehicles.

- Premises sign (must be A5 size)
- Vehicle sign (must be clearly seen)



Most businesses should have received the signs from Smokefree England in April. They are also available from www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/resources or ordered from the Smokefree England information line on **0800 169 1697**.

You can also make your own no-smoking signs as long as they meet the minimum legal requirements.



NO SMOKING.

It is against the law to smoke in these premises

Who will enforce the new laws?

Spelthorne Environmental Health officers. We have already done a lot of work with businesses to make them aware of what is required to comply with the law.

What constitutes an offence?

- smoking in a smokefree place
- failing to display required signs
- failing to prevent smoking in a smokefree place

What are the penalties for breaking the law?

The penalties vary according to the offence. The fixed penalty notice for smoking in a smokefree place is £50 and £200 for failing to display no-smoking signs. The fine will be higher if it is referred to court. Failing to prevent smoking in a smokefree place can result in a fine of £2500. There is no fixed penalty notice for this offence.

What about cigarette litter outside?

If you run a business, you should think about how you will deal with this. There are cigarette disposal suppliers who can be contacted via www.encams.org/home/



Contact **Environmental Health** on **01784 446291** or e-mail smokefree@spelthorne.gov.uk
You can also go to www.smokefreesurrey.co.uk

If you would like free help to give up smoking please ring the **Surrey NHS Stop Smoking Service** on **0845 602 3608**