

# New **outdoor** smoking bans take effect from 6 July 2015

## It's time to get prepared.

### What you need to know:

#### From 6 July 2015:

Commercial outdoor dining areas will be smoke-free.

- This means smoking will be banned in any seated outdoor dining area of a restaurant, café or licensed venue while food is being served.
- Patrons who break this law, could receive a \$300 fine on the spot.
- The business owner may also be penalised up to \$5500.

#### The four metre law will apply.

- This means that smoking within four metres of an entrance to or exit from a club, hotel, restaurant or café will be against the law.
- Patrons who break this law, could receive a \$300 fine on the spot.

These bans protect us from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke from cigarettes, cigars, pipes and waterpipes.

### What you need to do:

- Visit [health.nsw.gov.au/smokefree](http://health.nsw.gov.au/smokefree) and download our free and easy to use guide for the hospitality industry.
- Understand the laws and how they apply to your venue.
- Assess what you need to do.
- Act and review.

## Checklist

### Do you have a commercial outdoor dining area?

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| 1. Does the area contain seating provided by the owner or operator of the business where the food is sold? | Yes/No |
| 2. Are there times when food is eaten, or is available for purchase and may be eaten, in the area?         | Yes/No |
| 3. Is the food served on plates or packaged so it should be eaten straight away?                           | Yes/No |



**Yes to all** - your area is deemed a commercial outdoor dining area under the Act. You will need to comply with the Act by 6 July.

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