

Transcript: Smoking bans in New South Wales

Smoking is banned in a range of public places under the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*.

These bans protect you and others from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke from cigarettes, pipes and water-pipes. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

The Act bans smoking in **all enclosed** public places such as shopping centres, cinemas, libraries, trains and buses.

The Act also bans smoking in a number of **outdoor** public places where people queue or gather. These include:

- **Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places;**
- **Public swimming pools;**
- **Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events;**
- **Public transport stops and platforms, including ferry wharves and taxi ranks;**
- **Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building; and**
- **Commercial outdoor dining areas.**

If a person breaks these bans, they could receive a \$300 fine on the spot. The business owner of an outdoor dining area of a restaurant, café, club or hotel may also be penalised up to \$5,500.

You can obtain further information from our Tobacco Information Line.

Contact the Tobacco Information Line through the [National Relay Service](#).

Tobacco Information Line: 1800 357 412

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