



SMOKEFREE SPORTS COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Good communication is key to avoiding enforcement issues. If patrons are aware of the smokefree policy they are unlikely to smoke. If someone is smoking, approaching them and asking them if they are aware of the new bans, explaining the smokefree policy and letting them know where they can and can't smoke is normally all that is required. If a smoker does not wish to comply that's unfortunate but okay. Remember, your club is still smokefree even if a small number of people choose to smoke where they are not allowed. Over time, a cultural change will ensure your venue remains completely smokefree.

HOW TO APPROACH PEOPLE SMOKING IN SMOKEFREE AREAS

Important things to remember

- Be friendly.
- The person smoking may not be aware of your smokefree policy.
- Most people will put their cigarette out once they know they can't smoke there.
- If you approach someone who is smoking and they are dismissive or aggressive then walk away, the long term cultural change will ensure this sort of behaviour remains the exception rather than the norm.

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AN EXAMPLE OF APPROACHING SOMEONE SMOKING AT YOUR SMOKEFREE CLUB

Initial approach

- Hi, I just wanted to let you know we are a smokefree club, and we ask everyone to smoke outside the grounds.

OR

- Hi, did you know that we are a smokefree club? If you want to smoke could you please go outside the grounds?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Have signage in obvious places, particularly where people used to smoke.
- Promote the club's smokefree status through newsletters, emails, signage, events so people know in advance that they can't smoke when at the club.
- The club's policy may state what to do if someone keeps smoking after being told several times that the club is smokefree. You may consider additional signage or promotion of smokefree areas, or take note of the incident to consider at the next review of the Smokefree Policy.