

Wishing you a smoke free New Year!



We would like to thank you for all your efforts in implementing the Smoke free laws since they were introduced in July 2007.

However there still lots more that you should be aware of, so we have put together this handy leaflet to keep you updated.

Recently, three businesses in Thanet were found allowing smoking to take place in their bar areas in the early hours of the morning (outside of designated licensing hours) and all of those people found smoking, received a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please remember - even though your business may have closed, your premises must still remain smoke free. This means that your staff and even your family should not smoke in the building whatever the time of day.

This is because the smoke free laws have been introduced to protect employees and the public from the harmful effects of second hand smoke. The only way to provide effective protection to your staff, family and customers is to prevent people breathing in second hand smoke.

Did you know?

Every time someone breathes in second hand smoke they inhale over 4000 chemicals; more than 50 of these are known to cause cancer.

Here to help

If you have any any questions about the smoke free laws call 01843 577523 or visit www.thanet.gov.uk.



Handy tips about smoke free

At a glance advice



Which places should be kept smoke free?

The smoke free law applies to virtually all enclosed and substantially enclosed public places and workplaces; this includes permanent and temporary places such as tents and marquees.

What if I live above or in my place of business?

If you live in the same building that is used for the licensed premises, it must be smoke free in public and staff areas at all times. This also includes cellars, staff rooms, corridors, storage areas and kitchens.

No ifs or butts – please!

Since the new smoke free law has come in to force, smokers have taken to the streets and are leaving their cigarette butts as evidence.

Help us to keep Thanet beautiful by providing your smokers with a place for them to dispose of their cigarette butts other than on the streets.

Did you know!

If a smokers are spotted dropping their cigarette butts they could face a £80 fixed notice penalty for dropping litter.

