Important community announcement

Changes to the law on smoke-free outdoor areas

From 7 January 2013, there are new requirements in NSW making the following areas smoke-free.

Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in an outdoor public place.

Open areas of public swimming pool complexes.

Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events.

At public transport stops and stations, including platforms of passenger railways and light-rail stations, ferry wharves, light-rail stops, bus stops, taxi ranks and the area where people gather or queue to wait for the bus, taxi or light rail.

Within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building (meaning a non-residential building or a building that combines residential and commercial uses). This requirement will operate from 6 July 2015 for hotels, clubs, restaurants and cafes.

From 6 July 2015, smoking will be banned in commercial outdoor dining areas, being:

- A seated dining area – an area in which seating is provided and in which food that has been purchased and served on plates or packaged for immediate consumption is consumed – but only while food is being consumed or is available for purchase and consumption there,

- Within 4 metres of a seated dining area on licensed premises or at a restaurant, or

- Within 10 metres of where food is sold or supplied for consumption at a food fair.

Penalties will apply for anyone who fails to comply with the new laws.

These amendments to the ***Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*** are a key measure in reducing community exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke, tobacco-related harm and the uptake of smoking in NSW.

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