Frequently Asked Questions

What is the reason for the ban on smoking in enclosed public places?

The law aims to protect workers and the general public from the harmful effects of passive smoking. It is estimated that exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer in adult non-smokers by 24 per cent and heart disease in adult non-smokers by 25 per cent. Passive smoking also causes respiratory disease and asthma in non-smoking adults and children. The UK Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health concluded in 2004 that second-hand smoke is a serious public health risk.

Will the ban affect my business premis

Yes, if they are wholly or substantially enclosed

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majority of customers smoke. How can I be

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