

# **Businesses and the Smoking Ban**

How the Royal Borough can help



Love the streets you trade in

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From the 1st July 2007 it became illegal to smoke in virtually any enclosed public place in England. This has had a big impact on businesses in the Royal Borough and especially the street scene itself. It is your responsibility to ensure that your customers and employees do not smoke on your premises. Failure to do so could lead to a fine of up to £2,500.

### The smoking ban was introduced in the hope of:

- Saving thousands of lives from the effects of passive smoking.
- Encouraging smokers to quit.
- Creating a more pleasant environment in public places.

## How can the Council help you become a smoke free business?

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea have developed a range of services to tackle the issue of no smoking in the workplace. These services are available for a small annual charge to businesses in the Royal Borough.

The Local Government Association predicted that there would be at least an extra 25 tonnes of cigarette litter thrown on to the streets in the UK after 1st July 2007. In order to combat this, the Council can provide businesses in the Royal Borough with a range of cigarette bins, which can either be mounted to the wall or be free standing for employees and customers to dispose of cigarette ends.

The Council can mount the bin to the wall for you for a one-off cost, or you can fit the unit yourself, in which case the Council will provide advice on how to do this. The bin can be emptied on a once a week basis by the Council for an annual fee. As part of this service we will also carry out a general sweep around the immediate area of the cigarette bin.

# Where is smoking banned?

Smoking is banned in virtually all public places, including offices, pubs, clubs and restaurants.

## Where is smoking allowed?

Broadly speaking smoking is only allowed outdoors.

#### What if customers or employees go outside and drop cigarette ends?

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005, it is an offence to drop litter on any land in open air. Anyone who drops a cigarette end could be fined or taken to court. There are a range of cigarette bins available. You are free to choose the style of bin that you want for your business. Or alternatively contact us to discuss other options you may require.



This unit comes in a stainless steel finish and is made of a 304 material, 1mm gauge. The unit is durable and attaches to any wall or post via a fully extended back bracket and comes complete with a secure locking system and easy "no touch" emptying with a T-bar key, Rust free - Fire proof - Easy to clean. Also features a sloping lid area to personalise your bin with a company logo or advertisement.

This unit can also be purchased in varying powder coat finishes.

450mm (h) x 100mm (w) x 1.5 litre capacity.



The TABTIDY is a cigarette end container designed for both wall and post fixings. The bin's features include a hinged lockable door with attached container, a stainless

steel deposit area and pre-drilled strapping slots for post fixing. This unit is available in two standard finishes, powder coated and stainless steel. The unit can also be floor standing by adding a simple floor mounting unit.

360mm (h) x 200mm (w) x 102mm (d) x 2 litre capacity.

Products shown are ISO 9001:2000 approved

# Do I have to display no smoking signs?

Businesses must prominently display no smoking signs in entrances to all buildings where smoking is banned. The sign should be A5, 70 mm in diameter and in colour. In addition the sign must contain the wording "No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises". The words "in these premises" can be customised to identify the particular premises or business, for example: "in this hotel".

### For more information about the new legislation:

Smokefree England Tel: 0800 1691697 Web: www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

Environmental Quality Unit, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tel: 020 7361 3002 Email: smokefree@rbkc.gov.uk Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk/smokefree

### If you would like information about quitting smoking:

NHS Smoking Helpline Tel: 0800 1690169 Web: www.gosmokefree.co.uk

#### For all your commercial waste needs

Tel: 020 7341 5106 Email: commercial.waste@rbkc.gov.uk Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk