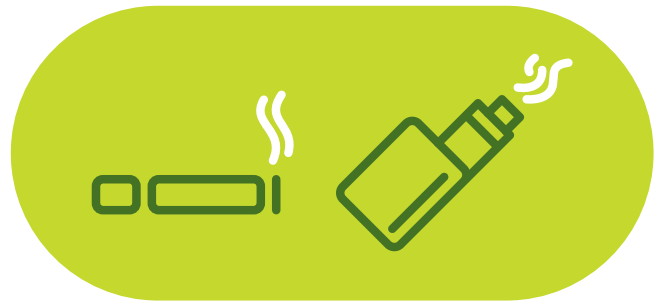


VIC: SMOKING AND VAPING LAW REQUIREMENTS



Smoke-free laws in Victoria have been extended to include the use of E-cigarettes/vapes.

That means that anywhere smoking is banned in certain public places, vaping is also banned.

It's expected that everyone is aware of - and compliant with - smoking/vaping laws.

Sporting clubs are also encouraged to develop a smoke-free and vape-free policy, banning smoking and vaping at all sporting events.¹

Having a smoke-free and vape-free sporting club can help you comply with your obligations to take reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of employees, volunteers and visitors to the venue.³

- In Victoria, the Tobacco Act 1987 regulates where smoking and vaping are permitted and the sale/promotion of tobacco.
- In Victoria, only registered pharmacies can sell e-cigarettes/vapes, and are not allowed to sell to anyone under the age of 18 years.⁴

SMOKING AND VAPING BANS AND RESTRICTIONS

At organised underage sporting events, smoking and vaping are banned within 10 metres of the outdoor venue.

The ban extends to training or practice, as well as breaks or intervals during the event, training or practice.²

- Smoking and vaping are banned within 10 metres of playgrounds, skate parks and within the outdoor area of public swimming pool grounds.⁶

- Smoking and vaping are banned at all primary and secondary schools, and within 4 metres of an entrance.⁵
- You should be aware of any local laws your council introduces around smoking and vaping. Smoking and vaping could be prohibited in other areas or during certain times when children play.⁶

There are restrictions that ban smoking and vaping where food is being served.

- Smoking and vaping is banned in outdoor dining areas such as hospitality venues, food fairs or within 10 metres of food stalls/vendors at organised events.³
- E-cigarettes and water pipes, such as shisha, are also banned from outdoor dining areas.³

MANAGING SMOKING AND VAPING AT YOUR CLUB

It is recommended you develop a policy or procedure so staff, operators or volunteers know how to deal with someone smoking/vaping in a banned area.

- The occupier (the person in control of the outdoor dining area or premises) is responsible for maintaining the smoke-free and vape-free area – if a customer is found to be smoking/vaping, both the occupier and the customer can be issued a fine.⁶
- If smoking/vaping occurs in a smoke-free and vape-free area you may not always be liable – for example, if you can demonstrate that you were unaware smoking/vaping was occurring.⁶

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Acceptable 'no smoking/no vaping' signage needs to be displayed at smoke-free and vape-free outdoor dining areas.

- Signage should be displayed at outdoor dining areas so that people can easily see it when entering the area, or from within that area.²
- Be aware that fines can be issued if signage is not displayed.⁵

Further Information:

Children's recreational areas: Smoke-free and vape-free:

[Children's recreational areas - smoke and vape-free](#)

Resources and factsheets – tobacco reform

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform/resources-and-fact-sheets-tobacco-reform>

Better Health – Victoria's tobacco laws

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/victorias-tobacco-laws>

'No smoking' signage

Visit the tobacco reforms website at www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms or call the Tobacco Information Line on 1300 136 775.

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