

SECTION 2(10)

SMOKING AT WORK

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General Restrictions on Smoking

The law in relation to smoking in workplaces and public places comes into force as of 1 July 2007. The law introduces new offences in relation to smoking in enclosed public spaces, which apply both to the smoker and to those in control of such premises. The primary objective of the legislation is to protect individuals from second hand smoke.

Bracknell Forest Borough Council (BFBC) supports the need to help improve the public health of the nation and recognises the need to introduce an appropriate smoke-free policy in all Council-owned or managed premises. The Council in line with legislation went smoke free from 1 July 2007.

The Council has adopted a Policy that seeks to ensure compliance with the law whilst also acknowledging the issues related to smoking by staff and members of the public visiting Council owned or managed premises.

The policy can be found at:

<http://boris.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/no-smoking-at-work-policy.pdf>

Information on the regulation can be found at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/smoking.htm>

Notices in reception and waiting areas

Notices reminding people they are in a smoke-free area are to be displayed where appropriate in reception, waiting and eating areas, and washrooms.

Buildings with shared occupancy

Where the Council shares the occupation of a building with other organisations, the Chief Officer will seek to reach an agreement with the other occupants to declare the whole building smoke-free.