

# SMOKE -FREE BARS, CLUBS, HOTELS & RESTAURANTS

## Guidelines for Bar and Waiting Staff

### **The law**

From 6am on the 1st of July 2007 smoking is not permitted in enclosed\* public places, including bars, hotels, all types of clubs, cafes and restaurants.

Proprietors cannot permit customers or members to smoke in these premises.

If they do, they will be liable to prosecution and a fine of up to £2,500

### **Why**

Second-hand smoke kills and causes lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory illnesses in adults and a variety of conditions in children.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, so ventilation is not a solution.

### **If someone breaks the law**

1. Draw their attention to the 'No-Smoking' signs.
2. Advise them that smoking is prohibited by law and politely ask them to stop smoking.
3. Advise them of any place where smoking is permitted, such as beer gardens or shelters.
4. Refuse service to anyone who continues to smoke and ask them to leave.
5. If a customer refuses to leave, follow usual procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour.
6. If threatened, seek the assistance of the police. Do not put yourself in any danger.

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AGAINST THE LAW.**

\*Premises which have a roof and walls on more than 50% of its perimeter