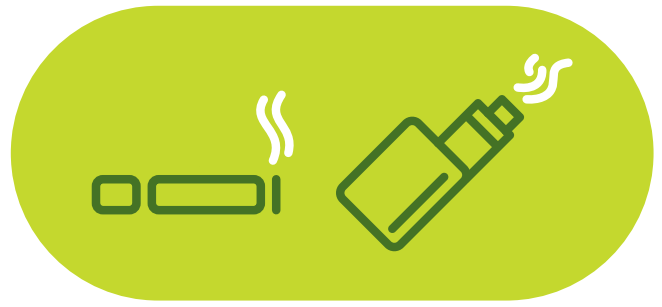


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Smoke-free laws in Queensland have been extended to include the use of E-cigarettes/vapes.

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

It's expected that everyone is aware of - and complies with - smoking and vaping laws.¹

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

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.²

- In Queensland, the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998 regulates where smoking/vaping is permitted and the sale/promotion of tobacco.
- In Queensland, vaping products can only be sold and purchased from a pharmacy, and it is illegal to provide them to children under 18 years of age (unless supplied by a pharmacist to a purchaser with a prescription).¹

SMOKING AND VAPING BANS AND RESTRICTIONS

At organised underage sporting events, smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres of the viewing and playing area at an outdoor venue.³ The ban extends to training or practice, as well as breaks or intervals during the event, training or practice. The ban includes electronic cigarettes/vapes.

- Smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres of playgrounds, public swimming pool grounds, and skate parks.³
- Smoking and vaping is banned at all primary and secondary schools, and within 5 metres of school boundaries.⁴
- Smoking and vaping is banned at childcare facilities and within 5 metres of their boundaries.⁴
- You should be aware of any local laws your council introduces around smoking. Smoking and vaping could be prohibited in other public areas.³

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

- Smoking and vaping is banned at, and within, 5 metres of all outdoor eating and drinking areas, unless it is a Designated Outdoor Smoking Area (DOSA).⁵

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 eating and drinking area/premises) is responsible for maintaining the smoke-free and vape-free area – if a person is found to be smoking/vaping, both the occupier and the person who committed the offence can be fined.⁶

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- 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 or that the occupier had told the person to stop smoking/vaping and that it was an offence.⁶

Acceptable 'no smoking/no vaping' signage should be displayed at smoke-free and vape-free areas.

- Signage should be displayed at outdoor eating and drinking areas so that people can easily see it when entering the area, or from within that area.
- If you have a designated outdoor smoking/vaping area, you must complete a smoking management plan. This must provide for signage that clearly identifies where smoking/vaping is, or is not, allowed.⁵

At underage sporting events, compliance with smoke-free and vape-free bans can be done through public education and awareness campaigns. No smoking/no vaping signs are an important part of this. You can download signage for under 18 sporting events (see further information below).³

- It is recommended to display *No Smoking Means No Vaping* posters along with No Smoking signage.⁷

Further Information:

Underage sporting events

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/1282706/smoking-childrens-activities-sport-organisers-factsheet.pdf

Resources and factsheets - tobacco law in Queensland

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws>

Outdoor public areas and children's recreational areas – smoke-free

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/outdoor>

'No smoking' signage and smoking management plan

Call 13 13 7468 for free copies of signs and forms.

<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/smoke-free-organised-under18-sporting-events>

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