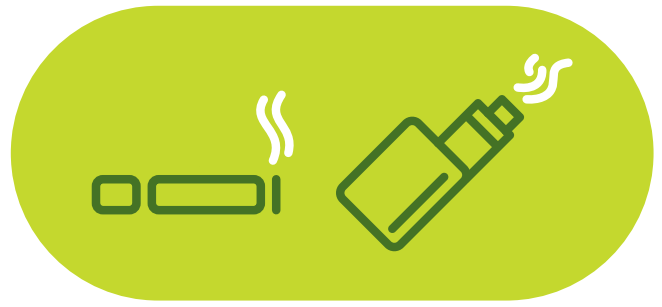


# SA: SMOKING AND VAPING LAW REQUIREMENTS



Smoke-free laws in South Australia 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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.<sup>2</sup>

- In South Australia, the Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997 regulates where smoking and vaping is permitted and the sale/promotion of tobacco.
- In South Australia, only pharmacies can sell vapes to adults.<sup>2</sup>

## SMOKING AND VAPING BANS AND RESTRICTIONS

Smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres of children's playgrounds.<sup>4</sup>

- This includes playground equipment located in public areas such as sporting venues, schools, parks, businesses, hotels and restaurants.<sup>4</sup>

You should be aware of areas or events your local council declares smoke-free and vape-free. If you would like a sporting event/carnival to be smoke-free and vape-free you can contact your local council to request the event be declared no-smoking and no-vaping.<sup>5</sup>

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

- Smoking and vaping are banned in outdoor dining areas when food is being offered or provided. An outdoor dining area is defined as 'an unenclosed public area in which tables, or tables and chairs, are permanently or temporarily provided for the purpose of public dining'.<sup>6</sup>
- Outdoor dining areas include clubs, pubs, cafes, restaurants, fast food eateries and temporary eateries at events or other venues.<sup>5</sup>
- E-cigarettes are also banned from outdoor dining areas and appropriate signage is required in these areas.<sup>6</sup>
- Smoking/vaping is also banned within 10 meters of a sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event, training or practice session.<sup>7</sup>

## 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.

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- The occupier (e.g. owner; proprietor) is responsible for maintaining the smoke-free and vape-free area – if a person smokes/vapes in an outdoor dining area, both the person who smokes/vapes and the occupier can be fined.<sup>8</sup>
- If smoking/vaping occurs in a smoke-free and vape-free area you may not always be liable – for example, if the occupier proves that they weren't aware, and could not reasonably be expected to have been aware, that smoking/vaping occurred, or that they requested the person stop smoking/vaping and informed them they were committing an offence.<sup>8</sup>

Acceptable 'No smoking/no vaping' signage needs to be displayed at outdoor areas where smoking and vaping are banned.

- Signs must be displayed in outdoor dining areas so that people can easily see them when entering the area, or from within that area.<sup>6</sup>
- Businesses and venues can download free 'no smoking' signs from SA Health at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/tobaccolaws](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/tobaccolaws).

### Further Information:

#### **Tobacco laws for outdoor dining areas**

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/tobacco+and+e-cigarette+laws+and+businesses/tobacco+laws+for+outdoor+dining+areas>

#### **Apply for a smoke-free outdoor area or event**

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/tobacco+and+e-cigarette+laws+and+businesses/declared+smoke-free+outdoor+areas+and+events>

#### **How to become a smoke-free sporting organisation**

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/smoking+the+rules+and+regulations/how+to+become+a+smoke+free+recreation+or+sporting+organisation>

#### **Smoke-free playgrounds**

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/smoking+the+rules+and+regulations/smoke-free+playgrounds>

#### **Declared smoke-free outdoor areas and events**

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/tobacco+and+e-cigarette+laws+and+businesses/declared+smoke-free+outdoor+areas+and+events>

#### **No Smoking Signage**

[Tobacco signage | SA Health](#)

#### **'Smoke-free and vape-free children's sport' signage**

[Signage - smoke-free and vape-free children's sport | SA Health](#)

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