

HOBART CITY COUNCIL

SMOKE FREE PUBLIC PLACES

Hobart residents and visitors expect a clean and healthy environment. The Hobart City Council has designated some smoke free public places to make the city a cleaner and healthier place to live and visit.

Smoke Free Areas

From 1 August 2010, smoking will no longer be permitted in the following public places:

Wellington Court, including the two walkways linking through to Elizabeth Mall

Elizabeth Mall (excluding the sections of public footpaths at either end of the Elizabeth Mall)

Hobart Bus Mall (excluding the sections of public access at either end of the Bus Mall)

As a reminder, signage will indicate these smoke free areas.

Enforcing the ban

The Hobart City Council is confident that with a planned comprehensive education campaign, the majority of people will observe and respect the ban on smoking in smoke free areas.

If someone does continue to smoke in a designated smoke free area, they will be asked to put the cigarette out or move to an area where smoking is permitted.

Nominated Hobart City Council officers will be authorised to enforce the smoking bans, as will Tasmania Police, by issuing infringement notices if necessary.



Effect on city businesses

Many businesses located within the smoke free areas should notice an improvement in air quality outside their main entrance and exit. It is hoped that more people will visit these popular areas as the new ban becomes widely known and accepted.

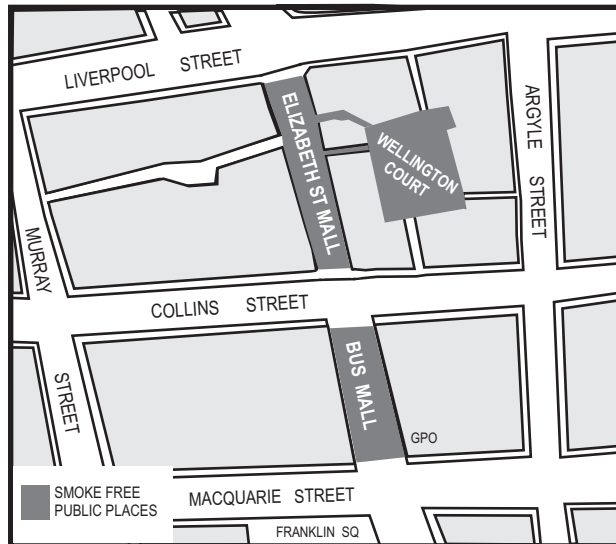
Where can city workers smoke?

Smokers can smoke outside their workplace, except in the designated smoke free areas and not within three metres of any entrance or exit of a commercial building.

The Hobart City Council is committed to maintaining a clean, healthy and attractive city for the benefit of everyone. Help us to make our community a cleaner and healthier place to be.

For further information, contact the Hobart City Council's Environmental Health Unit on 6238 2715.

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