

Scotland implemented a ban on smoking on 26th March 2006. This is to be followed by a smoking ban across the rest of the UK in 2007, starting with Northern Ireland and Wales who will introduce the ban in April and finally England who plan to have a ban in place from July 2007.

The legislation will mean that you will no longer be able to smoke at work, in pubs or clubs. Businesses who do not comply could be liable to a fixed penalty fine of £200 if they do not take responsible action to prevent someone smoking on the premises, or if they do not provide adequate No Smoking signs. Refusal to pay or failure to pay could result in prosecution and a fine of up to £2,500. Individuals who smoke in no-smoking premises could be liable to a fixed penalty fine of £50 and refusal to pay or failure to pay may result in prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

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## Key features of UK Smoking Law:

- No longer able to smoke at work, in pubs and clubs
  - People who smoke in a non-smoking area can be fined £50, which could increase to £200 if they repeatedly ignore the ban
  - Businesses that ignore illegal smoking can be fined at least £200 rising up to £2,500, if managers fail to stop smokers lighting up
  - Employers who fail to put up no smoking signs, which should measure no less than 23cm by 16cm, can be fined £200, rising to £1,000 for repeat offences
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## Solutions available from BuckHickman InOne

- Self extinguishing cigarette litter bins (2007/8 catalogue pages 2021 - 2022)
- No smoking signs (2007/8 catalogue pages 1834 - 1835, 2020 - 2021)
- Shelters (2007/8 catalogue page 2022)

For further information on UK Smoking Law visit: [www.clearingtheairscotland.com](http://www.clearingtheairscotland.com) for the current legislation in Scotland and [www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/smoking.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/smoking.htm) for updates on Wales, Northern Ireland and England.