

Smoke-free churches

Health Act 2006: Smokefree (Signs) Regulations 2007

The Health Act comes into effect on 1 July 2007. Places of worship and church halls (but not vicarages etc other than rooms used solely for work purposes) rank as smoke-free premises.

This means that there must be displayed "at the entrance" a no-smoking sign which is of A5 size; includes the no-smoking symbol ie a graphic representation of a single burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle of at least 70 mm in diameter with a red bar across it; and contains, in characters that can easily be read by persons using the entrance, the words "No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises (or in this church or cathedral)"

The sign can be placed on a moveable stand or notice board rather than fixed to the wall.

The Regulations do not apply to the burning of incense.

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