

GET READY TO GO SMOKE-FREE

Taxi & Mini Buses



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From **6am on Sunday, 1st July 2007**, it will be against the law for people to smoke in almost all work or public places that are enclosed, or substantially enclosed. e.g.shops, offices, work-shops, factories, restaurants, pubs and bars. The smoking ban will also apply to taxi's, public transport and to any work vehicle that may be used by more than one person.

What does the new law mean for Taxi owners or operators?

Once the new law comes into effect, it will be the legal responsibility of whoever drives, controls or manages a taxi or mini bus to prevent people [including the driver] from smoking in them. The vehicle must remain smoke free at ALL TIMES even when passengers are not being conveyed, and even if the vehicle is only used for hire occasionally or intermitently.

What will the smoke-free legislation require taxi owners, drivers and operators to do? From 1st July 2007 they must:-

- Ensure that people [including the driver] do not smoke in vehicles that by law have to be smoke-free.
- Smoke free vehicles will need to display a no-smoking sign in each compartment of the vehicle in which people can be carried. This must show the international no-smoking symbol at least 70mm in diameter. Free no-smoking signs can be ordered by telephone 0800 1691697 or by email from www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/resources

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

The requirements of the smoke-free laws will be enforced by authorised officers of the Council. The offences and proposed penalties are:-

- Smoking in a smokefree place or vehicle - a fixed penalty notice of £50 or a fine of up to £200
- Failure to display appropriate signs – a fixed penalty notice of £200 or a fine of up to £1000
- Failing to prevent smoking in a smoke-free place or vehicle – a fine of up to £2,500

Where can taxi drivers and owners get advice?

The Great Yarmouth Borough Council 'Smoke-free workplace Coordinator' is available to offer help and advice during normal office hours and can be contacted by telephone 01493 846478 or Mobile: 07795 428180

Log onto the Smokefree England website at www.smokefreeengland.co.uk for information about going smoke-free or telephone 0800 1691697