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# Smoking is off the menu. Please don't smoke here.





**In Victoria, smoking is banned in all outdoor dining areas when food is available.**

## How will the ban be enforced?

There is strong community support for the ban and most people will voluntarily comply and expect others to do so.

Inspectors, authorised under the *Tobacco Act 1987*, may provide information about and, when necessary, enforce the ban. The first priority of the inspector is to make sure the community understands the ban.

## Where does the ban apply?

From 1 August 2017, smoking will be banned:

- in outdoor areas at hospitality and food venues during the times food is available
- in all outdoor areas at food fairs
- within 10 metres of a food stall or food vendor at an organised outdoor event.

Venues and events will raise awareness of the ban by displaying 'No smoking' signs.

The ban applies to e-cigarettes and shisha tobacco.

Snacks can be consumed in outdoor drinking areas where smoking is permitted. Snacks are pre-packaged, shelf stable food. Examples include: packaged potato crisps, muesli bars, and intact pieces of fruit.

## Why has smoking been banned in outdoor dining areas?

Keeping Victoria's outdoor dining areas smoke-free:

- protects the community from second-hand smoke
- de-normalises smoking behaviours
- supports people to quit smoking
- improves Victorians' outdoor dining experience.

Community attitudes towards smoking have changed. Please respect the right of everyone to enjoy clean air, by not smoking in outdoor dining areas.

