



Smoking at the University of Edinburgh

From the 26th March the law on smoking in Scotland will change to protect people from the harmful effects of passive smoking. Smoking will be prohibited in certain wholly or substantially enclosed public places, including workplaces such as the University.

An enclosed public space will mean that some areas which are thought to be outdoors at present, will fall within that definition - for example the Old College archways.

Policy on Smoking

The University first introduced a Code of Practice on No Smoking as long ago as 1987 – this document has been modified through the years subsequently becoming Policy. There is already a prohibition on smoking in place throughout the majority of the University's estate and the effects of this new law are likely to be slight.

Only in some areas of Student Accommodation, and in recreational premises managed by EUSA, will the new law require a tightening of the existing Policy – this is reflected in the new version of the University Smoking Policy, available on the Policy and Planning www site at <http://www.aaps.ed.ac.uk/regulations/smoking.htm>.

The latest version of the University Policy on Smoking comes into effect on 26th March 2006.

University Buildings

All University buildings will be signed to reflect the advent of the new law, and each sign will include a contact for submitting a complaint should any individual transgress the new legislation. Estates and Building will shortly be affixing signage to all University buildings. Please contact George Boag, George.Boag@ed.ac.uk for more information.

Smoking Cessation Advice

Help and support on quitting smoking are available from cessation services provided by your local NHS Board. Contact Smokeline Scotland for information about your nearest service.

- Smokeline Scotland
Tel: 0800 848484 (12 noon to 12 midnight, seven days a week)
Post: Smokeline, Freepost PO Box 4000, Glasgow G3 8XX

Other Sources of Guidance and Advice

- Anti-Smoking Campaign - British Heart Foundation
www.bhf.org.uk/keeping_your_heart_healthy/preventing_heart_disease/smoking.aspx
- ASH - Action on Smoking and Health
www.ash.org.uk/
- ASH - Scotland
www.ashscotland.org.uk
- Can Stop Smoking - NHS Health Scotland
www.canstopsmoking.com
- I-Quite - Online
www.iqonline.com/flash4page.html
- No Smoking Day
www.nosmokingday.org.uk
- Scottish Executive - Clearing the Air - Smoking Ban Scotland
www.clearingtheairscotland.com
- Quit
www.quit.org.uk

Or alternatively contact the University Occupational Health Unit, tel: 0131 650 8190.