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OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**EDUCATIONAL
SMOKE FREE
OUTDOOR SPACES
POLICY**

BACKGROUND

This policy was created from the review of the Educational Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces Policy 2007.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Educational Smokefree Policy is to promote a clean and healthy environment that improves the health and wellbeing of the Ōpōtiki community by reducing the prevalence of smoking and de-normalising smoking behaviour. This policy includes e-cigarettes as some e-cigarettes contain nicotine and use of the devices mimics cigarette smoking.

As an education policy compliance is encouraged through educating and prompting appropriate smokefree behaviour set by the Council and the community. It aims to utilise passive signage and public awareness to influence behaviour, supported by the community and Toi Te Ora Public Health. This policy aligns with the Government's goal of becoming a smoke-free nation by 2025.

POLICY

This policy sets out the Councils position and commitment in relations to smokefree public places and events. The policy aims to:

- Reduce the visibility of smoking and normalise smokefree environments, particular around children and young people;
- Reduce the number of people smoking in public spaces;
- Promote a positive smokefree message, especially to children and young people;
- Reduce litter from cigarette buds

SIGNAGE

Following the passing of this policy all Council owned signs in designated smokefree areas will be marked with a smoke free symbol during the next round of signage updates.

SMOKE FREE PUBLIC SPACES

ODC has designated the following public places as smoke free:

- All ODC parks, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and reserves;
- Beaches
- CBD/Civic Spaces
- All entrances to Council owned buildings
- Events funded or supported by ODC will encourage a smokefree environment and display smokefree messages in advertising and at the event

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

1. Smoke-free Environments Amendment Act 2003

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed:

- Within five years after the first policy is adopted by the Council and then at intervals determined by the Council or
- Earlier than five years at the request of the Council
- Refer to policy index for policy owner.