

POLICY	STATUS	AT	DATE	DOC ID
EDUCATIONAL SMOKEFREE OUTDOOR SPACES POLICY	<i>Adopted</i>	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i> <i>Council</i>	<i>29.01.2019</i>	<i>A157241</i>



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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.

As an education policy this policy is not enforced by the Council. 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, Eastern Bay of Plenty Smoke Free Coalition 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 Council's position and commitment in relation 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 butts.

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

Ōpōtiki District Council has designated the following public places as smoke free:

- All Ōpōtiki District Council parks, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and reserves;
- Beaches;
- CBD/Civic Spaces;
- All entrances to Council owned buildings;
- Events funded or supported by Ōpōtiki District Council will encourage a smokefree environment.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

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.