



**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## **Smokefree and Vapefree Policy**

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## Introduction

Council has a duty to ensure a safe environment for people on its premises. Council recognises that exposure to second-hand tobacco and vaping smoke is a significant health risk and has adopted a "Smokefree and Vapefree" Policy in accordance with the provisions of the Smoke Free Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (the Act) and the Smoke Free Environments Amendment Act 2003.

Council also supports the government's Smokefree 2025 goal. The Government defines 'smokefree' as less than 5% of the population regularly smoking.

The key areas will be –

- Council owned swimming pools and outdoor surrounds
- Council owned playgrounds and parks, including sport grounds and complexes
- Public areas around the entrances to Council owned public facilities.

## Application

The Policy intended to educate the public and send a positive message to our community that our children's health and the environment should be protected from the effects of smoking and vaping. The public will be encouraged through appropriate signage and publicity to maintain a clean, healthy environment in areas deemed smokefree and vapefree.

All Council owned workplaces are required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 to prohibit smoking and vaping. The following places must be smokefree and vapefree at all times:

- the buildings and grounds of schools and early childhood centres
- indoor areas of licensed premises and workplaces – 'licensed premises' includes bars, restaurants, cafés, sports clubs and casinos, 'workplaces' includes offices, factories, warehouses, work canteens and 'smoko' rooms.

Under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 Council is required to ensure that smoking and vaping is not allowed in a Council workplace.

## Policy Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to encourage residents and visitors to Central Hawke's Bay to be smokefree and vapefree in public spaces. Because the role of local government on smoking is limited, the policy focuses on positive actions to promote the policy outcomes, such as education and signage.

The Council, in partnership with partner organisations, will work towards achieving the following objectives:

- Fewer people smoke and vape in public places;
- Businesses and other organisations designate their premises "Smokefree and Vapefree".
- The prevalence of smoking and vaping in Central Hawkes Bay continues to decrease over time.

## Policy Guidelines

- I. The following Council-administered areas in Central Hawke’s Bay are designated Smokefree and Vapefree:
  - a. Playgrounds
  - b. Parks
  - c. Sports grounds
  - d. Skate parks
- II. The outdoor areas of all Council facilities are designated smokefree and vapefree.
- III. Council funded events and functions are designated smokefree and vapefree, by requiring the display and announcement of smokefree and vapefree messages when advertising the event or function as well as during the event or function.

## References

- *Smoke-Free Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and Smoke-Free Environments Amendment Act 2003*
- *Health and Safety at Work Act 2015*