

Wigan Goes Smoke Free



Useful information for tenants
and residents of flats and
sheltered schemes

Smoke Free Regulations designed to protect people from the harmful effects of passive smoking come into force on 1 July 2007.

The new regulations mean that you will be unable to smoke in enclosed public spaces and communal areas, you can of course still smoke inside your own home.

In addition to the health benefits, going Smoke Free in your building also helps reduce the risk of accidental fires.

If you would like to stop smoking before the introduction of the new regulations, the NHS can provide support. Information can be found at your nearest pharmacy or through your GP.

You are unable to smoke in all communal areas including:

- Corridors
- Communal lounges
- Landings
- Hallways
- Lifts
- Staircases
- Laundries
- Bulk refuse / bin chute rooms



You will start to notice signs going up in these areas.

Some of our employees are smokers, some are non-smokers, some may have medical conditions worsened by cigarette smoke. However, Wigan and Leigh Housing have a duty to protect **all** our employees from the harmful effects of passive smoke.

We do not aim to stop smokers from smoking in their own home. However we do ask that you refrain from smoking whilst a representative from Wigan and Leigh Housing or one of our

contractors is working in your home.



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