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For more information on the ban on smoking on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all childcare centres, kindergartens and schools, you can visit www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms

or contact the Department of Health & Human Services at:
tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au



QUIT NOW. WE CAN HELP.

For help to quit smoking, call Quitline on **13 78 48** or visit www.quit.org.au

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THIS IS WHERE WE LEARN. PLEASE DON'T SMOKE HERE.



IN VICTORIA, THE PLACES WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND GROW ARE NOW SMOKE-FREE.

From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to:

- childcare centres
- kindergartens (or preschools)
- primary and secondary schools.

Under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking is now unlawful in these areas and could result in an infringement penalty of \$147*.

Some councils have also introduced local laws that prohibit smoking near childcare centres, kindergartens and primary and secondary schools, so make sure you check the signs.

*As of July 2014.

Why has smoking been banned in education and care settings?

- 1 To protect everyone, especially children and young people, from the dangers of second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.
- 2 Children are influenced by what they see going on around them. When smokers light up in their company children notice. The more they see smoking in public places the more they will tend to think smoking is okay, rather than harmful.



Please don't smoke here.

Community attitudes towards smoking have changed. Please respect the right of everyone to enjoy clean air, by not smoking near childcare centres, kindergartens, and primary and secondary schools.