

No smoking at public transport stops and stations

What is banned?

Smoking and vaping is banned at all public transport stops and stations in the ACT. The smoking ban is made under the *Smoke-Free Public Places Act 2003*.

Where does this ban apply?

Smoking and vaping is banned within 5 metres of **all** public transport stops and at all transport stations in the ACT. This includes:

- Platforms of passenger railways and light rail stations;
- Bus stops and bus stations;
- Bus stop seating areas; and
- Taxi ranks.

The ban applies regardless of whether the area is covered or uncovered.

What about electronic cigarettes?

All electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and personal vaporisers are considered smoking products and are included in the ban.

Is there signage to indicate where smoking is not permitted?

The diverse range of transport stops make it difficult to have one rule for signage. Not all transport stops display permanent signage about the ban.

All transport stations are required to display 'No Smoking' Signage. These signs appear at all bus, train and light rail stations.



No Smoking Sign – ACT Public Transport Stations

When does the smoking ban apply?

The smoking ban applies at all times to all public transport stations except for City Bus Station.

In recognising the City Bus Station area also operates as an entertainment area the smoking ban does not apply to this station between 11pm and 6am. This exemption helps to protect public safety late at night when public transport services are not frequently operating.

How is this enforced?

ACT Government Inspectors appointed under the *Smoke-Free Public Places Act 2003* are authorised to enforce the ban at public transport stops and stations.

Officers from Access Canberra and ACT Policing are appointed as inspectors for this ban.

What do I do if I see someone smoking at a bus stop or train station?

If there is an ongoing problem, you may direct your concerns to Access Canberra on 132281.

How does the law affect private property that is within 5 metres of a public transport waiting area?

Private areas (for example a house garden or a courtyard) that are generally not accessible to the public are not public places and therefore are not captured in the smoke-free area.

A vehicle travelling on a road within five metres of a bus stop or a light rail station is also not included in the smoke-free area.

Is there a penalty for smoking at a public transport waiting area?

People who smoke or vape in a declared smoke-free area may face a fine of \$110.

Fines of up to \$440 maybe issued by authorised officers if a person continues to smoke at a public transport stop or station in contravention of a direction to stop smoking.

How can I find out more?

For more information visit the ACT Health website on health.act.gov.au/smokefree

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