



Where can I get more information?

Information is available on the council's website at www.lambeth.gov.uk/tobacco18 and at the Government's change of age of tobacco sales website at www.tobaccoagechange.co.uk.

There is also a website specifically for teenagers at www.tobacco18.co.uk.

You can email any questions you have to Lambeth Council's Smokefree Team at smokefree@lambeth.gov.uk or call them on **020 7926 6109**.

Portuguese

Se desejar esta informação noutro idioma é favor telefonar para 020 7926 6109

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WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR ME?

A GUIDE FOR YOU ON THE NEW LAWS AFFECTING SMOKING

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FROM 1 OCTOBER 2007 THE LAW FOR SELLING TOBACCO WILL CHANGE

It will be illegal for businesses to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18 (an increase from 16) in England and Wales. It is expected that the change in law will also come into effect in Scotland from the same date.


Products affected will include cigarettes, cigars, loose rolling tobacco and rolling papers.

Smoking tobacco is highly addictive and dangerous to health. The importance of this is clear when you realise that:

- one in two lifelong smokers will be killed by their addiction.
- the younger a smoker starts the more likely they are to be killed by their addiction.
- someone who starts smoking at 15 is three times more likely to die from cancer due to smoking than someone who starts smoking in their mid-20s.


 **I am a smoker aged 16 or 17 so what will the law mean for me?**

You will no longer be able to legally buy tobacco or tobacco products in England and Wales.

 **I am a smoker aged over 18 so what will the law mean for me?**

You will be able to purchase tobacco and tobacco products as you can now. However, if you look under 21 you may find that you are asked for ID so make sure you carry some that has your date of birth on, for example:


- a passport
- a photo driving licence
- a citizen card
- a Portman 'Prove It' card
- a Validate card.

 **Maybe now is the time for me to give up smoking. Who do I talk to?**

There is a national helpline – you can call the **NHS Smoking Helpline** on **0800 169 0169** or **Lambeth Stop Smoking Service** on **0800 856 3409**. They have specialist advisors you can speak to. They can also put you in touch with local services to help you quit. Lines are open daily from 7am to 11pm.

You are four times as likely to quit smoking with support than going it alone, so if you are thinking of quitting give the helpline a call.

You can visit the website **www.gosmokefree.co.uk** which has information on how to stop smoking and stay stopped.

 **So what are the penalties for businesses selling tobacco to people under 18?**

The penalties for selling tobacco products to someone under the legal age will be the same as they are now and can result in a fine of up to £2,500.

Both the sales person and the business owner could be prosecuted for any illegal sales, even if it was believed that the purchase was being made on behalf of an adult, or if the person looked like they were over 18.

Failing to display the statutory notice can result in a fine of up to £1,000 for a business. This applies both to over the counter and vending machine sales.

