



# Public Health (Wales) Act 2017

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## PART 3

### TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### SMOKING

##### *Offences*

#### **6 Offence of failing to prevent smoking in smoke-free premises**

- (1) A person who controls or is concerned in the management of premises which are smoke-free by virtue of section 7 (workplaces) or 8 (premises that are open to the public) must take reasonable steps to cause a person smoking there to stop smoking.
- (2) A person who controls or is concerned in the management of premises within section 9(3) (registered day care premises) that are smoke free by virtue of section 9 must take reasonable steps to cause a person smoking there to stop smoking.
- (3) A person registered to act as a child minder under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 (nawm 1) must take reasonable steps to cause a person smoking in premises within subsection (4) to stop smoking.
- (4) Premises are within this subsection if—
  - (a) they form part of premises that are the usual place of residence of the registered person referred to in subsection (3), and
  - (b) they are smoke free by virtue of section 9.
- (5) Regulations may provide for a duty corresponding to that mentioned in subsection (1) in relation to—
  - (a) premises which are smoke-free by virtue of section 10, 11 or 12,

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- (b) premises which are treated as smoke-free by virtue of section 13, or
  - (c) vehicles which are treated as smoke-free by virtue of section 15,
- to be imposed on a person, or description of person, specified in the regulations.
- (6) A person who fails to comply with a duty in subsection (1), (2) or (3), or any corresponding duty in regulations under subsection (5), commits an offence.
  - (7) It is a defence for a person (“D”) charged with an offence under this section to show that D did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, that the person in question was smoking.
  - (8) If a person charged with an offence under this section relies on the defence in subsection (7), and evidence is adduced which is sufficient to raise an issue with respect to that defence, the court must assume that the defence is satisfied unless the prosecution proves beyond reasonable doubt that it is not.
  - (9) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 6 in force at 29.9.2020 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2020/1048](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- I2** S. 6 in force at 1.3.2021 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2021/202](#), [art. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/949, art. 3 by [S.I. 2017/967 art. 2](#)