

# Children at play.

Please don't smoke here.

## In Victoria, the places where children play are now smoke-free.

From 1 April 2014, smoking is banned outdoors within 10 metres of:

- playgrounds and skate parks
- sporting venues during under 18s events and within public swimming pool grounds.

Under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking is now unlawful within these areas and could result in an infringement penalty of \$144<sup>1</sup>.

Some councils have also introduced local laws that prohibit smoking in other areas or at other times where children play.

### Why has smoking been banned where children play?

To protect everyone, especially children and young people, from the dangers of second-hand smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. 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 ok, rather than harmful.

Community attitudes towards smoking have changed. We don't want to see children connecting healthy recreation with the habit of smoking.

Let's keep the places where children play clean and clear of cigarette butt litter.



### Please don't smoke here.

Please respect the right of everyone to enjoy clean places to play and fresh air, by not smoking at playgrounds, skate parks, children's sporting events and at public swimming pools.

### Need more information?

For more information on the statewide smoking ban where children play, you can visit:

[www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms) or contact the Department of Health at: [tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](http://www.quit.org.au)

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<sup>1</sup> As of July 2013.