

Housing Channel

Title: Prohibition of Smoking in Estate Common Area

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 the Housing Authority has banned smoking

 in common areas of its public housing estate

 According to the Marking Scheme, offenders

 will be allotted 5 points without prior warning

 Tenants having committing misdeeds repeatedly

 and accrued up to 16 points within 2 years

 will have their tenancy terminated

 Smoking is prohibited in public areas like

 lift lobbies of buildings, lift cars

 corridors, staircases, and open spaces

 including gardens, sitting-out areas, playgrounds

 plazas and performance areas, walkways, etc

 The Fixed Penalty (Smoking Offences) Ordinance

 has empowered Housing Department (HD) Staff

 to issue fixed penalty tickets to those smoking

 in statutory non-smoking areas on HD premises

This also applies to non-residents

and the fixed penalty is HK\$1,500

Statutory non-smoking areas include

lift lobbies of public housing estates

inside lifts, on escalators, etc

So, residents who smoke in these areas

will not only be allotted penalty points

but will also receive a fixed penalty notice

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Smoking Zone

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The Estate Management Advisory Committee can

decide on the set up of a small smoking zone

outside the statutory non-smoking areas

in an estate area with less pedestrian flow

For more details on the smoking ban

please check with your respective estate office

HD Staff

With smoking banned in common areas

Residents

we all enjoy fresher air and better health