

## **Housing Channel**

### **Title: Prohibition of Smoking in Estate Common Area**

VO                    For a cosier and healthier living environment

                          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