

Should smoking be banned in public places?

Clearing the air! I think smoking should be banned in public places. If people choose to smoke that is their right but I don't see why I should be exposed to it. First, smoking in public places means that I am breathing in other people's smoke which affects my health. Second, it is also an unpleasant atmosphere to be in when you are surrounded by smokers. Having said that I think there are some civil liberty issues over an individual's right to choose how they live their life.

Passive smoking or "second hand smoke" means that I am inhaling smoke from other people's tobacco. Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke causes disease, disability, and death. The health risks are a matter of scientific consensus. A British study reported that exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease among non-smokers by as much as 60%. These risks have been a major motivation for smoking bans in workplaces and indoor public places, as well as some open public spaces. Given that there is a clear risk to my health from other people's smoke, I think smoking should be banned in public places.

Not only are there health risks associated with other people smoking in public places, it is also an unpleasant environment to be in when other people are smoking around you. As a non-smoker I don't like the smell of it. Not only when you walk into a room where people have been smoking, but when people are smoking close to me. In addition, when I leave a smoky area, not just my clothes smell, but so does my body. This type of atmosphere is not conducive to enjoying things like an evening out.

Despite my objections, I have some concerns over civil liberties. If a person chooses to smoke that is their choice and forcing them to stop is a clear breach of their civil liberties. Having said that if they choose to smoke they should do it within the confines of their own environment. This is because of the clear risk to other people's health from passive smoking.

In conclusion, smoking should be banned in public places. It affects other people's health and does not create a good environment. Although there are some civil liberties issues in terms of the extent of the State's interference in how a person chooses to live their life, the health risks to others outweighs these concerns in my mind. Let's clear the air for a healthier lifestyle for all of us and impose a ban.

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First argument / Topic sentence - Passive smoking or "second hand smoke" means that I am inhaling smoke from other people's tobacco. Supporting arguments - Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke causes disease, disability, and death. The health risks are a matter of scientific consensus. A British study reported that exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease among non-smokers by as much as 60%. These risks have been a major motivation for smoking bans in workplaces and indoor public places, as well as some open public spaces. **Concluding sentence -** Given that there is a clear risk to my health from other people's smoke, I think smoking should be banned in public places.

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Conclusion – link back to introduction - In conclusion, smoking should be banned in public places.

Re-statement of the issues - It affects other people's health and does not create a good environment. Although there are some civil liberties issues in terms of the extent of the State's interference in how a person chooses to live their life, the health risks to others outweighs these concerns in my mind. **Closing statement -** Let's clear the air for a healthier lifestyle for all of us and impose a ban.