

FRSC - Smoking Policy

Smoke Free areas are important as they:

- Protect the community from exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke
- Make smoking in the community less acceptable - the less people see smoking in public the less they will tend to think it's okay, whether than harmful.
- Support people who have quit or are trying to quit.

Amendments to the tobacco act have extended areas where smoking is banned across victoria.

Smoke-Free areas include:

- Entrances to indoor childrens play centres, public hospitals and registered community health centres, and certain Victorian Government buildings.
- The grounds of, and entrances to childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and primary and secondary schools
- Outdoor recreational areas, including playground equipment, skate parks, sporting venues during under age sporting events.
- Outdoor areas of public swimming pools.
- Patrolled beaches
- Enclosed workplaces
- Train stations, tram stop platforms and tram and bus shelters
- Under age music or dance

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (or about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organized under 18's event..

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organized under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

The ban also applies to outdoor dining, and drinking areas located within 10 metres of an outdoor sporting venue during an organized under-age sporting event or training session.