

BBC Studioworks Smoke Free Policy

1. Definition

Legislation prohibits smoking in premises if they are used as a place of work or where members of the public might attend that workplace. The law makes it the responsibility of employers to prevent smoking in the workplace in enclosed or substantially enclosed areas.

In order to prevent disruption to BBC Studioworks' business, aspects of the policy extend beyond the legal duties, to the use of e-cigarettes and similar devices.

2. Policy

- Smoking is prohibited in all internal enclosed or substantially enclosed areas including external canopies and doorways. Smoking is only permitted in external designated smoking areas on site.
- Any individual, or Production company responsible for that individual, found to be contravention of this policy may be subject to a charge of **£100** plus the cost of a deep clean for that area where applicable.

3. Electronic Cigarettes

BBC Studioworks acknowledges that some individuals may wish to make use of electronic cigarettes ('e-cigarettes'), particularly as an aid to giving up smoking. E-cigarettes are battery-powered products that use heat to vaporise a liquid-based solution containing nicotine into an aerosol mist that is inhaled by the user. Solutions are available with or without nicotine in them.

The health implications for long term e-cigarette use is unknown. The vapor emitted by e-cigarettes (and similar devices) can cause the fire alarms to activate and lead to the evacuation of buildings. Also, E-cigarettes, particularly from a distance, can look like real cigarettes, making a smoking ban difficult to police and creating an impression that it is acceptable to smoke. For these reasons, other than when required for the artistic integrity of a production, BBC Studioworks does not permit the use of E-cigarettes or similar devices in their buildings.

4. Smoking on set

Performers are able to smoke for the purpose of artistic integrity within the studios but only after submitting RAMS for a hot works permit from the facilities department. Smoking by any persons other than the performer is prohibited, and the performer may only smoke for the purpose of portrayal during a 'take', and not during rehearsal. The performer must give their informed consent. Care must be given not to expose others to second hand smoke for extended periods of time. Where a performer is required to smoke during filming, this must be included as part of the overall risk assessment process, with informed consent obtained from anyone who may be affected by the smoke. The risk assessment must detail suitable fire precautions.

E-cigarette use is permitted on set where they are required in the context of a production, in conventional cigarettes are permitted (see above). As with normal cigarette use, the risk assessment process should govern their use, particularly in relation to protecting the user and any others present from the chemicals released – solutions containing nicotine should not be used.