

**No Smoking  
within 15 metres of a  
hospital building**



**Easy read leaflet**

# Who we are and about our new law



We are **NHS Scotland**. We want to tell you about the Scottish Government's new **law** about smoking.



**Laws** are rules made by the **government**. The **government** is in charge of running the country.



From **5 September 2022** it will be **illegal** to smoke within 15 metres of a hospital building.



**Illegal** means that by law you aren't allowed to do something.



If you smoke within 15 meters of a hospital building you will be asked to stop and might be given either



- a **penalty notice** of £50. A **penalty notice** is a warning to stop you from doing something you shouldn't.



- or a **fine** of up to £1,000. A **fine** is money you have to pay because you did something you shouldn't.



Hospitals are places where health is important and **second hand smoke** is bad for people's health.



**Second hand smoke** is when you smoke and someone near you breathes it in even if they aren't smoking.

# How to contact us



If you see someone smoking within 15 metres of a hospital building, please tell someone who works at the hospital.



If you want help to stop smoking, we can give you advice and support.



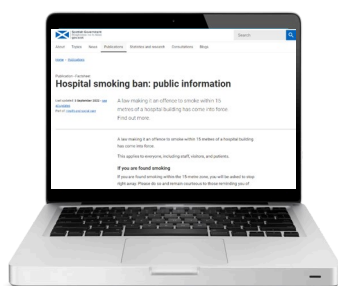
Go to this website

[www.quityourway.scot](http://www.quityourway.scot)

Or call this number

**0800 84 84 84**

if you want help to stop smoking.



Go to this website

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if you want to know more about this new law.