

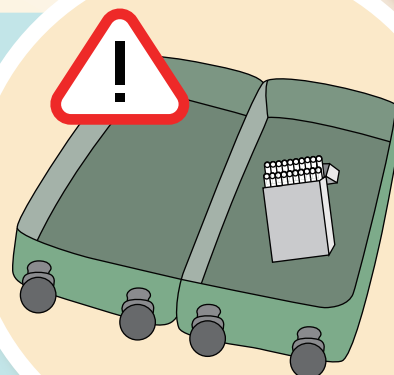
The import of alternative smoking products (ASPs) (electronic cigarettes, heated tobacco products, and herbal cigarettes), including bringing in by incoming travellers is prohibited.

Starting 30 April 2026, possession (smoking or use) of ASPs in public places is prohibited. Offenders are liable to a fine of \$3,000.

Visitors bringing in tobacco in excess of the exempted quantities (19 cigarettes, or one cigar*, or 25 grams of other manufactured tobacco) should enter the **Red Channel** and make a declaration to Customs officers.

*In cases of more than one cigar, the total weight must not exceed 25 grams.

Buying or selling illicit cigarettes is also illegal and the maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.



The law also prohibits the provision of any smoking products (conventional smoking products, electronic cigarettes, heated tobacco products, herbal cigarettes) to persons under the age of 18. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$50,000 and six months' imprisonment.

Customs and Excise Department



Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office,
Department of Health



Visitors' Guide

Tobacco Control Measures in Hong Kong



衛生署控煙酒辦公室
Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office
Department of Health



Public transport carriers

Indoor areas:
Public place,
restaurant premises,
shopping malls,
bars, etc.

Indoor and outdoor areas:
cinemas, escalators,
child care centres,
hospitals, schools,
etc.

Offenders are
liable to a fixed
penalty of \$1,500

Effective
1 January
2026

The fixed
penalty
will increase
to \$3,000

No smoking areas will be
expanded to 3 metres outside
the entrances/ exits for
child care centres, hospitals,
schools, residential care homes,
and specified clinics
or health centres, etc.

Current
statutory
no smoking
areas



Effective
1 January 2026,
smoking is prohibited
in the following
situations and places

While queuing
to board
a public transport
carrier

Staying at a bus shelter
or other delineated
areas of designated
boarding locations

While queuing to
enter museums,
stadiums, and
theme parks,
etc.

