



# Westland District Council Smokefree and Vapefree Environments – Council Buildings & Public Spaces 2021

## SCOPE

This policy applies to Council owned buildings, swimming pools, playgrounds, parks and sports fields, and to outdoor dining areas on Council-controlled land.

## RELEVANT LEGISLATION

This policy has been prepared in accordance with the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act (1990).

## GENERAL POLICY

This is an educational policy. The Westland District Council will be proactive in promoting a healthier community. The Council will demonstrate leadership by promoting a smoke free and vapefree lifestyle as being both desirable and the norm in the Westland District as New Zealand works towards being smoke free by 2025. People using Council facilities including parks and playgrounds will be smoke free and vapefree role models for children and young people.

### ***Council Owned Buildings and Vehicles***

All Council workplaces are smokefree and vapefree work environments, including Council vehicles. All Council owned enclosed public facilities, such as public halls, are smokefree and vapefree, including their entrances/exits and surrounds. Appropriate signage will be clearly displayed outside buildings and in vehicles.

### ***Council owned Swimming pools, Sport and Leisure Centres and Surrounds***

All Council owned swimming pools and sport and leisure centres are designated smokefree and vapefree areas, including the outdoor areas surrounding them. Appropriate signage will be displayed at the entrance to each facility and inside the grounds.

### ***Council owned Playgrounds and Parks***

The public will be asked to refrain from smoking and vaping in Council owned playgrounds and parks. Signage will be displayed at the entrance to parks and beside playgrounds asking people to refrain from smoking and vaping. Messages on the signage will be positive rather than punitive.

### ***Outdoor Dining Areas on Council-Controlled Land***

Outdoor dining areas, such as tables and chairs outside cafes, restaurants and bars that are on Council-controlled land, will be smokefree and vapefree. Appropriate signage will be displayed. Ashtrays will not be provided.

### ***Policy Review***

A review of this policy will take place in September 2024.

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