Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...
Posted by MexPirate on Sat, 26 May 2007 21:25:32 GMT
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well, J_ball just made my point better than I ever could.

I agree, people shouldn't have to breath in my smoke - this law however is retarded, let me give some examples:

My old workplace was a seven storey building, on each floor there was a room for smokers with extractor fans etc, it didn't cause a problem - with these new laws smokers will all need to spend twice as long to leave the building and stand outside, that's a good image for a company isn't it, having all a load of people standing outside the entrance

My current work place has a bus shelter outside the back of the building for smokers, the building has three sides and ventilation at the bottom, the new law states that it is only allowed to have 2 sides, so now the company needs to either hack the thing apart or buy a new shelter.

A woman came on the radio the other day explaining that she was HR person at a small business, virtually all the other employees were smokers (imaging your average warehouse-90% of our warehouse workers smoke) this woman was then forced to put signs around the building telling all the employees that they were no longer allowed to smoke and when the completely ignored her she was obliged to force them to put cigarettes out, needless to say she was upset and it exluded her from the other people there.

My local pub is run by a husband and wife that smoke, one end of the pub allows smoking, the other is smoke free and ventilation is in place to prevent smoke travelling down - virtually everyone uses the smoking area and banning it will costs their business and mean that they are not allowed to smoke in their own pub.

I agree that many places should be non-smoking, but a blanket ban ignores individual circumstances and overrides common sense.