

# SMOKING AND DRIVING

Smoking isn't allowed in any enclosed workplace, public building, a work vehicle that more than one person uses or on public transport in the UK.

It is also illegal to smoke in a vehicle if you are carrying a passenger under the age of 18 years old, (unless it is a convertible with the roof down). This is to protect children and young people from the dangers of second-hand smoke.

## THE LAW APPLIES TO:

Every driver, including those aged 17 and with a provisional driving licence.

People who sit in the open doorway of the vehicle.



Company vehicles used by more than one person.

Any private vehicle that is either entirely enclosed or partly covered by a roof.

When the windows or sunroof is open.

When the air conditioning is on.



## THE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO

e-cigarettes or to a convertible car with the roof completely down.



## COMPANY FINES

All vans or company cars used by more than one person, must display a 'no smoking' sign (in Wales it must be in both Welsh and English). If the sign is not displayed the company can be fined up to £1,000 (England and Wales).

In Scotland, there is a fixed penalty fine of £200, which can go up to £2,500 if the fine isn't paid.

To order your 'no smoking' signs please contact your Arval Account Manager.

£200

## CONSEQUENCES

If caught breaking the law, the driver, and smoker, could be fined £200.

Also if you smoke in a company car you may face charges from your employer should this affect the condition of the vehicle (check your fleet policies).

## ALSO CONSIDER...

...many companies prohibit smoking within their vehicles as part of their fleet policy, irrespective of whether you are carrying younger passengers or not. Therefore, make sure you are aware of your company fleet policy before smoking in a business vehicle.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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