

Smokefree Kaipara Policy



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1. Reasons for this Policy

- 1.1 Two of Kaipara District Council's current strategic directions are to promote safe and healthy environments and thriving communities. This Smokefree Kaipara Policy contributes towards these strategic directions.
- 1.2 The Policy also contributes towards Council's commitment to Central Government's Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 (SF2025) objective and supports positive public education messaging efforts to de-normalise behaviors associated with smoked tobacco products, vaping (electronic cigarettes) and heated tobacco products (HTP).

2. Policy Statement

- 2.1 In the smoke and vape free areas identified in Section 4 of this Policy, Council will encourage voluntary compliance, through education and signage, to support our communities to become smokefree/vape free and reduce the associated litter issues.
- 2.2 Council will collaborate with its Northland Inter-sectorial Forum (NIF) partner organisations and agencies responsible for delivering SF2025 objectives to assist the Kaipara District to become smokefree/vape free where possible.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 This Policy has the following objectives:
 - a. Reduce the prevalence of smoked tobacco, the harm from second-hand smoke, and the use of electronic cigarettes/vapes in Council-owned, controlled, leased, facilities or occupied buildings and outdoor public spaces.
 - b. Deliver Council leadership for a smokefree/vape free District.
 - c. Support the efforts of Council's NIF agencies responsible for achieving the SF2025 objective in Northland.

4. Policy

- 4.1 The following areas in the Kaipara District are smokefree/vape free:
 - a. Council-owned or controlled parks, playgrounds, sports fields, reserves and skateparks
 - b. swimming pool complexes
 - c. bus and taxi shelters
 - d. inside Kaipara District Council controlled, owned, or operated social or pensioner housing
 - e. all Council-owned or controlled facilities or buildings including the immediate surrounding outdoor public space, i.e. footpaths adjacent to entranceways.
- 4.2 All new or renewed contractual agreements to hire, lease or occupy Council-owned or controlled buildings and facilities will be required to be smokefree/vape free.
- 4.3 All Council funded, administered, and supported events will be smokefree/vape free.
- 4.4 Council will partner with Te Whatu Ora, local businesses, organisations, and agencies to encourage and support any business or organisation that wishes to become a smokefree/vape free area.

5. Implementation

- 5.1 Identified areas within this Policy will be promoted as smokefree/vape free areas using signage, promotions, and educational resources provided through a community education and health programme lead by Te Whatu Ora.
- 5.2 Resources to support quit smoking and vaping will be made available throughout the District through the partner organisations responsible for delivering the SF2025 objectives.