

CHAPTER 1 - VENTILATION AND AIR QUALITY

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401.11 ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE



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Building a healthy society by prohibiting smoking in Public Areas.

REQUIREMENT

- A. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all public areas in accordance with Local Order No 11 – 2003, including but not limited to shopping centres, hotels, restaurants, government buildings, hospitals, healthcare facilities, commercial buildings, common accommodation, coffee shops and amusement and entertainment or any other places determined by Dubai Municipality, except for places in which smoking is permitted.
- B. Places where smoking is permitted are determined in accordance with the conditions listed in the Manual of Regulating Smoking in Public Places issued by Dubai Municipality. It defines the public places where smoking is strictly prohibited and places where smoking is permitted under specific conditions.
- C. Designated smoking areas must be at least 7.5m away from the entrances of the building, doors and operable windows and outdoor air intakes of ventilation systems.
- D. An annual permit is issued from the competent department of Dubai Municipality for all places where smoking is permitted, upon submission of all required documents and drawings mentioned in the guideline.

SIGNIFICANCE

Smoking puts non-smokers at risk by exposing them to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS). Passive smoking and prolonged ETS exposure increases the chances of developing lung cancer and other health problems. Prohibiting smoking eliminates the risks associated with ETS. Prohibition of smoking is done through issuance of policies and laws. Implementation of policies that enforce smoke-free public environments is imperative to protect health and well-being of the society.

Recognising this, Dubai Municipality (DM) has established necessary legislation in place for the protection of public health and improving the style of living in the Emirate of Dubai. Parts of this legislation also apply to buildings, which must be considered while designing them. By implementing this regulation, building users will not be exposed to passive tobacco smoke which could negatively impact their health.