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Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...

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This freedom discussion is really tiresome as it doesn't have the same ring to it that it does over the pond. Yes in theory it does affect my freedom to take up a habit to damage my health but I simply do not care. Smokers can still smoke in places that have been made nice for them (sitting outside with heaters to keep them comfortable is hardly severe alienation). It is against the law NOT to wear a seatbelt while driving a car here so are you saying that is affecting someone's freedom if they didn't want to wear a safety belt?.

You also have to think that if someone wants to smoke at the moment when at work in most cases they already step outside regardless. Some establishments have specially built rooms but at the end of the day why should a business have to pay for something like that anyway?

The place where people will really feel it is in the pubs and clubs where they will have to go outside. You could say in really smoky pubs that smokers there are affecting the freedom of non smokers who would like to go there for a drink or something to eat but simply can't be in that smoke healthily. I feel that this whole thing is a double-edged sword but if it is going to save lives and stop people taking up a completely pointless habit that can't be bad.

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