



Smoking and e-cigarettes policy

Through discussions with taxi and private hire trade representatives we have been made aware of concerns that private hire drivers are smoking in licensed vehicles.

It is against the law to smoke in virtually all enclosed public places, workplaces and public and work vehicles. This means that smoking is not allowed by anyone in a private hire vehicle (or taxi) at any time. This includes the driver, even if the vehicle is not being used for hire and reward at that time.

Licensed private hire and taxi vehicles are also required to display no smoking signage.

Drivers or passengers found to be smoking in a licensed private hire or taxi vehicles may be subject to a fixed penalty notice of £50, or a maximum fine of £200 if prosecuted and convicted by a court.

E-cigarettes

We have also been asked to clarify the position regarding electronic cigarettes. The TfL No-Smoking Policy includes e-cigarettes and vape sticks which have been prohibited on all rail, underground and bus services. This has also been extended to include taxi and private hire services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H Chapman".

Helen Chapman
General Manager, Taxi and Private Hire

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