



Smoking and Vaping Policy

Legislation

During 2006 and 2007, new legislation came into force around the UK to ban smoking in public places.

'Virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces will be smoke free. This means that it is against the law to smoke in the indoor parts of places such as pubs, bars, nightclubs, cafes and restaurants, lunchrooms, membership clubs and shopping centres.'

This includes marquees and tents at camps or activities, although a risk assessment will probably show that it is not advised to smoke in these areas anyway.

Essex International Jamboree policy on smoking is in line with those of The Scout Association and Girlguiding.

The Scout Association's Policy

The Scout Association has a key policy which requires Scouting to be provided in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

All leaders and adult helpers should not be smoking or vaping around young people who are involved in Scouting.

Girlguiding Policy

Anyone above the legal age for smoking must ensure that they smoke or vape in a discreet, safe manner and in an appropriate legal place away from the girls and young women

Substance misuse will not be tolerated by Girlguiding and smoking (including e-cigarettes) in front of young members should be avoided.

Essex International Jamboree will therefore expect all smokers, including those using e-cigarettes, to use the designated smoking areas which will be located away from the main camping areas.

In addition, all adults should have an awareness of the available nicotine alternatives that young people may have gained access to. These can be extremely potent, and should be confiscated and reported to the appropriate subcamp team to enable appropriate follow up by welfare and safeguarding, to ascertain the source and provide support.