

Use of E-cigarettes with kids in the car is against the law

**Health**

From **1 December 2015**, using an e-cigarette in a car with a child under the age of 16 is against the law. A \$250 on the spot fine applies to the driver and any passenger who breaks the law.

What is the new law?

The Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 creates a new offence of using an e-cigarette in a car with a child under 16 years of age in the vehicle. If a passenger is using an e-cigarette, the driver will also be liable. The law comes into effect on 1 December 2015.

How will the law be enforced?

NSW Police will enforce the ban on using e-cigarettes in cars with children. If a person elects not to pay the fine and have the matter dealt with by a court, the maximum fine that may be imposed by a magistrate is \$1,100.

Why is this new law in place?

The NSW Government introduced new laws to protect children from any potential harms associated with e-cigarettes.

For more information:

Please contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 or visit the fact sheets on the NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/electronic-cigarettes.aspx