



Work Health and Safety

Smoke-Free Policy Statement

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of workers and other persons (site users) by doing everything reasonably practicable to prevent, eliminate or reduce risk.

The ASC recognises tobacco smoke, including from electronic cigarettes, can adversely affect ones' health. In an effort to reduce the effects of smoking on site, the ASC is a smoke-free site with the exception of our five Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas (DOSAs).

The purpose of this Policy Statement is to establish the ASC as a smoke-free site and set our expectations for all site users. Note, all buildings, premises, residential facilities or vehicles owned, controlled or operated by the ASC, and other workplaces while working for the ASC, are considered to be ASC sites.

Legislation

Smoking in enclosed workplaces or in close proximity to a building's entry or exit point is prohibited under all Australian State and Territory Government legislation. In accordance with these laws, smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited in all enclosed ASC sites and DOSAs are not located within 10 metres from our buildings.

Further, under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act), the ASC as the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking (PCBU) has the primary duty of care and therefore must ensure the working environment is safe, and all health and safety risks are reduced or eliminated. The ASCs considers being a smoke-free site as a reasonably practicable way to uphold our PCBU responsibilities.

DOSAs

The ASC respects that it is an individual's choice to smoke. DOSAs provide people who smoke with a space on-site to do so, that will not pose a risk to the health of other site users and ensures suitable disposal containers are available for use to prevent smoking related hazards.

The ASC's Canberra Campus has five DOSAs, at the following locations on the [map](#):

- Outside Building 21, Logistics and Maintenance Building (map reference, B4)
- On View Road between Building 25, Dining Hall and Building 30, ASC Administration (map reference, D8)
- Next to Building 23, Synthetic Field (map reference, E3)
- Next to Building 7, Arena (map reference, K5)
- Behind Buildings 2 and 22, the Track and Field Centre and Grandstand (map reference, P4)

At all other ASC sites, in accordance with Government requirements, site users must ensure they are 10 metres away from the building or building windows, intakes for air-conditioning, storage facilities for combustibles or flammables, when smoking.

Expectations

Under the WHS Act, workers and other persons must comply with WHS instruction. Accordingly, it is expected that all site users familiarise themselves with the ASC's Smoke-Free Policy Statement and comply with the instruction to smoke only in DOSAs when using an ASC site.

ASC site users are expected to ensure other site users are aware of the Smoke-Free Policy Statement and notify the Security Team if they witness smoking outside a DOSA. The Security Team can be contacted via phone on (02) 6214 1616 or visit them in person at building 16 (map reference, D5).



Need Help Quitting?

The ASC encourages healthier lifestyle choices for our site users, including reducing their smoking habits or quitting.

If you or someone you know needs help to reduce or quit their smoking habits, contact Quitline on 13 QUIT (13 7848) or visit the [website](#). For personalised advice, speak to your treating medical practitioner or sign-up to [QuitCoach](#).

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact the ASC's WHS and Injury Management Team at WHS@ausport.gov.au.

