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*Topic: In some countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places and office buildings. Do you think this is a good rule or a bad one? Use specific rules and details to support your position.*

Even a child knows the harmful effects of smoking nowadays, both to the smoker's health and the people near him. Many people are offended if some people smokers near them in a closed space with a roof. I am one of them, and so, I am in favor of the rule for my own sake.

Researches have shown that smoking is more noxious to the health of those near the smoker than the smoker himself. Regarding this fact as well as taking the vastly known diseases smoking causes into account, it will be so obvious a rule to prohibit smoking at least in public places. Usually in many countries in office buildings there are a large crowd jam-packed waiting for their jobs to be done in turn, and anyone smoking in this situation can cause a lot of nuisance to the people around him. They could get angry with him and a rumpus may be brought up by the angry people tired of spending their time in a bureaucratic system in an unwieldy organization.

Of course there are some people who get angry at this rule; undoubtedly any smoker would object to his being banned from smoking in public. For smokers, usually those who can be called addicted, such as chain smokers, it is not at all easy to refrain from smoking, whatever place it is. So, if these people are obliged to put off their cigarettes at least at the times when they are to do an official job or are in public areas such as museums, galleries, shops, etc. they can be taught how to give it up forever. It is obvious that it is too hard for a smoker to give up smoking all at once, saying "I would not smoke anymore from just tomorrow," rather it is easy to give up little by little, cutting off the number gradually. So because every person has to be in public places during the day, it is a good help for smokers to cut off the number a bit.

I am (hopefully) not a smoker, and maybe that's one of my reasons to so openly expressing my approval of the rule, but even smokers who are not that against themselves who know it is harmful for their health would agree that because of both their own health and the convenience of the people around, it is necessary for them to give it up in public places.

Majid: It took me about 40 min.