

# SMOKE CONTROL



Smoke consists of un-burnt particles of carbon or soot, tiny tar particles and hydrocarbons. Smoke can cause health issues from any fine particulates that enter the lungs.

## Controls

The *Clean Air Act 1993* controls emissions from domestic and industrial smoke and gives local authorities the powers to create smoke control areas. Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1990* smoke emitted from a domestic chimney outside a smoke control area is covered by nuisance provisions.

## Smoke Control Areas

North Tyneside Council has created 61 smoke control areas accessible to view on [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk).

It is an offence to create smoke from a chimney within a Smoke Control Area unless it is an exempted appliances and / or authorised fuel,

In Smoke Control Areas you can only use:

- Authorised smokeless fuels

<https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php>

or

- Exempted appliances

<https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances.php>

## Installation of DEFRA Exempt Appliance / Fireplace

The exemption of a fireplace is determined by DEFRA on the website. The installation and specifically the flue outlet must be in accordance with Building Regulations.

It is a requirement of the Building Regulations that such appliances are installed by a competent person registered with HETAS or, a Building Regulation application is submitted. Details of installers is provided on HETAS website.

<https://www.hetas.co.uk/find-installer/>.

The Guidance with regard to the appropriate location of the flue outlet is set out in the Approved Document J of Building Regulations.

## What you should do to minimise effects of combustion

- Think if you have to burn
- Burn appropriate fuel for appliance.
- Install carbon monoxide monitor.
- Maintain the flue and appliance.

If you have any concerns please contact the Pollution Team Office on 0191 643 6100.

Any person found guilty of an offence on the Clean Air Act 1993 will be liable to a fine of up to Level 3 of the Standard Scale which is currently £1,000.

Further information is provided on wood burning stoves leaflet.