

## Economic

Each year smoking in the workplace costs businesses billions of pounds.

They suffer from lost productivity, absenteeism and increased cleaning, maintenance and insurance costs.

- Smokers take about twice as much sick leave as non-smokers
- Nationally, about 50 million working days are lost each year as a consequence of smoking
- A total of 15 per cent of fires in industrial premises are caused by smoking materials
- Cleaning costs are high in workplaces where smoking is allowed because of increased litter, dirtier walls and damaged furnishings.
- Insurance costs are higher where smoking is allowed.

Try the Cost of Smoking spreadsheet to see how you could save by stopping smoking in your business.