

Evaluating the impact of the ban on smoking in public places in Wales: setting the scene



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Smoking in Wales



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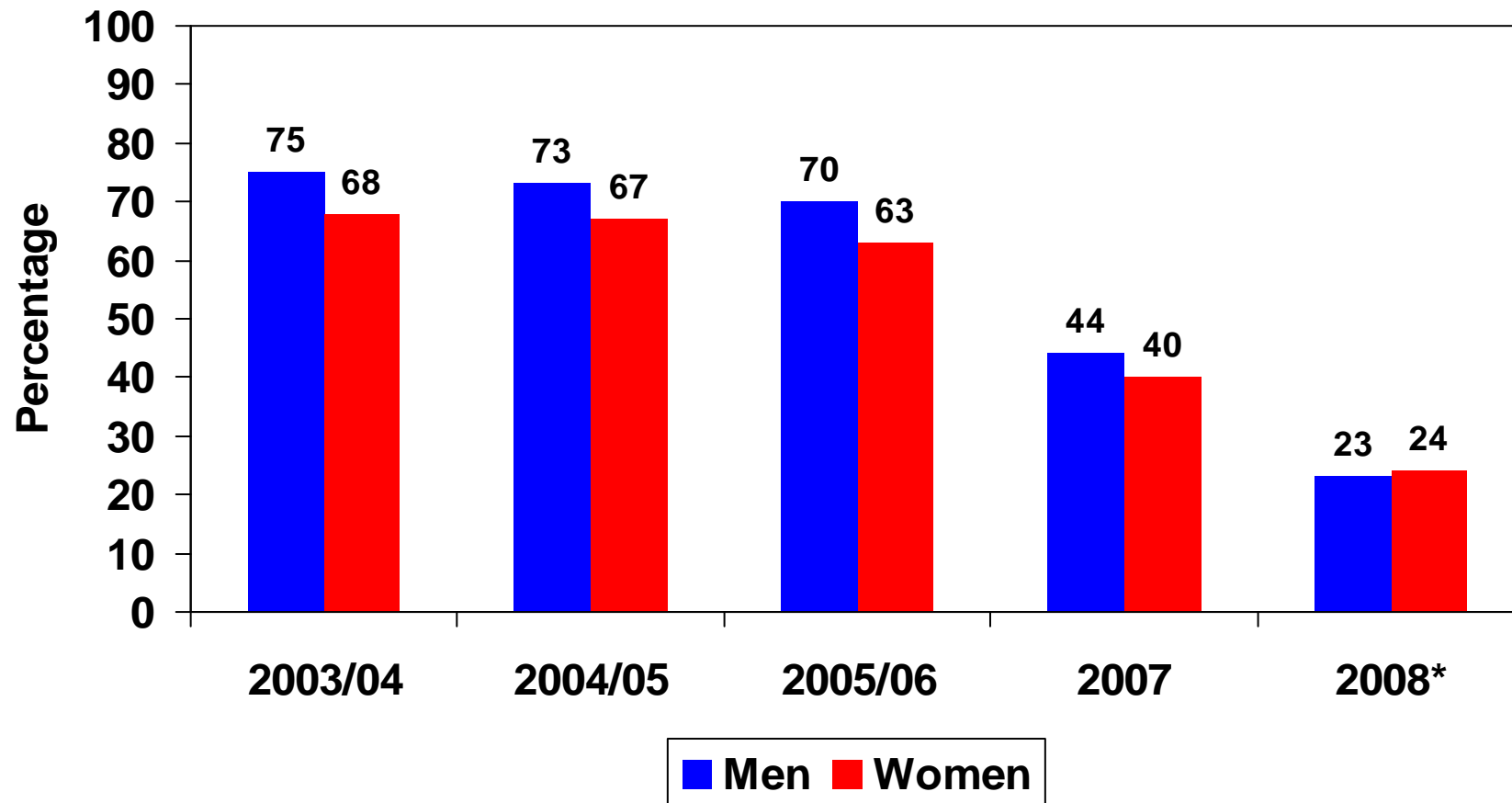
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Proportion of non-smoking adults reporting regular exposure to passive smoke, Wales, 2003/04 to 2008

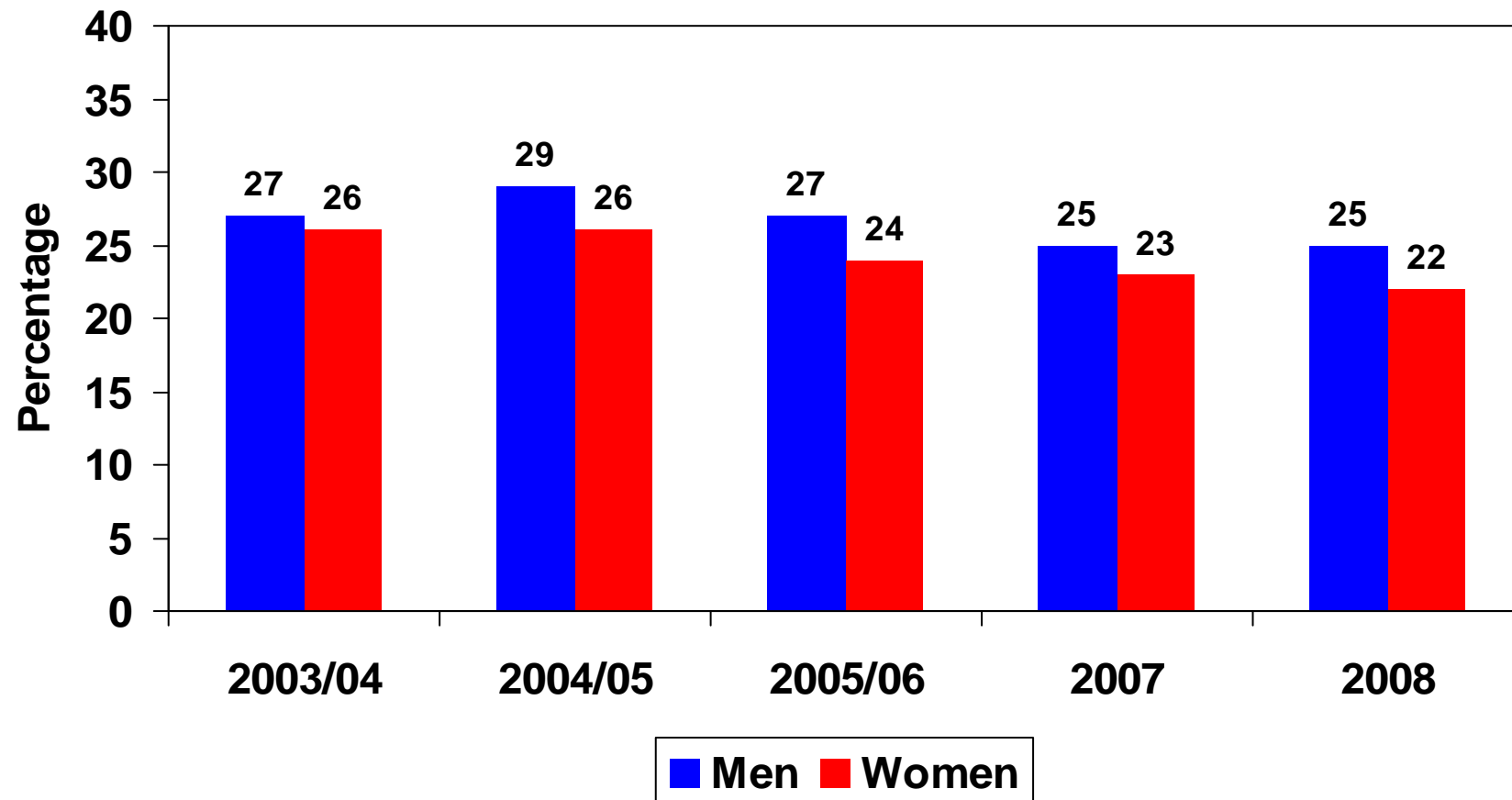


***Note: question change to exposure indoors restricts comparability with previous years-if include outdoors, overall figure is 34%**

Proportion of adult smokers, Wales, 2003/04 to 2008



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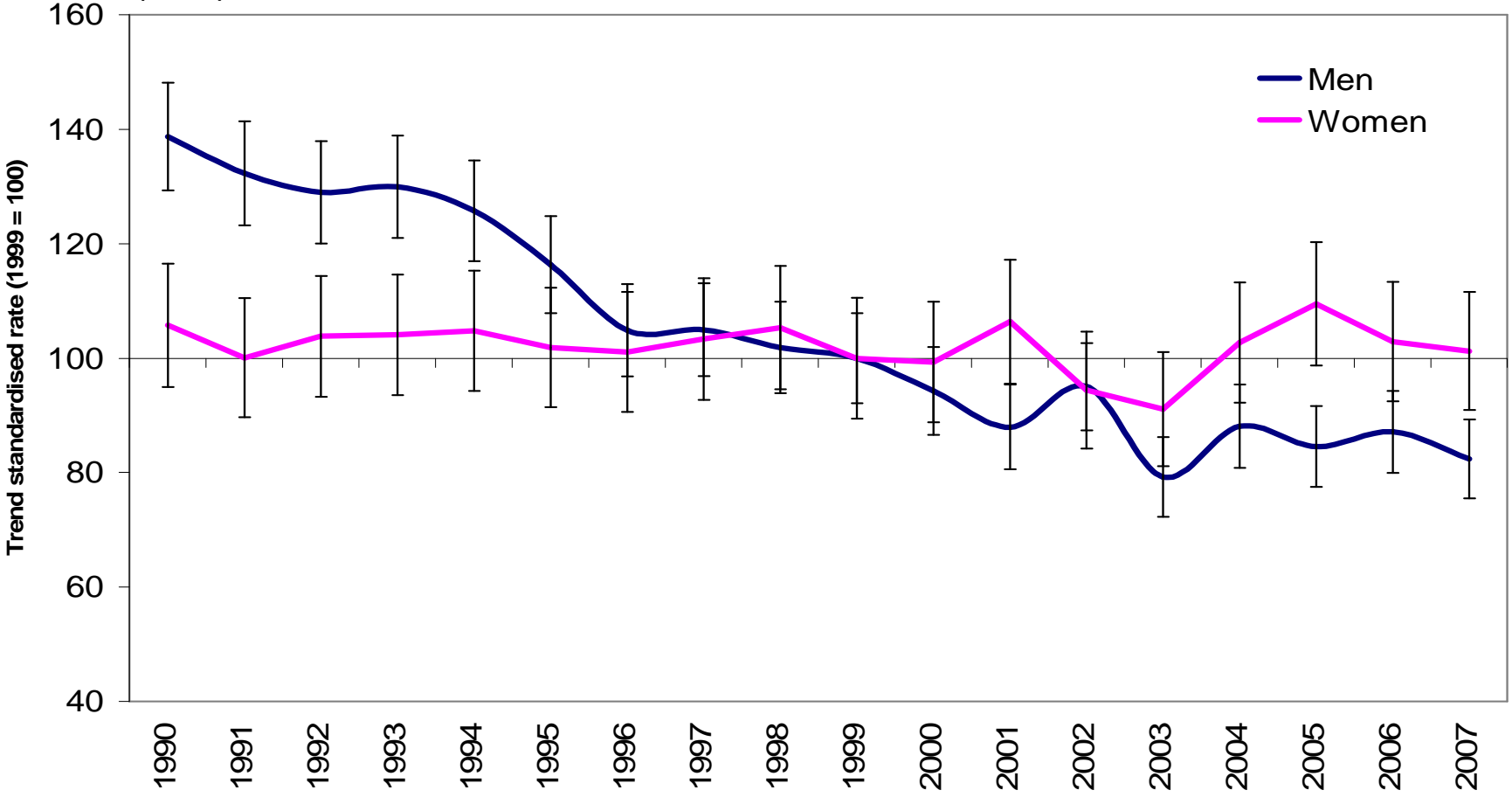


Too many still smoking....



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Trend standardised rate, premature deaths from lung cancer (<75). ICD10 C33,C34

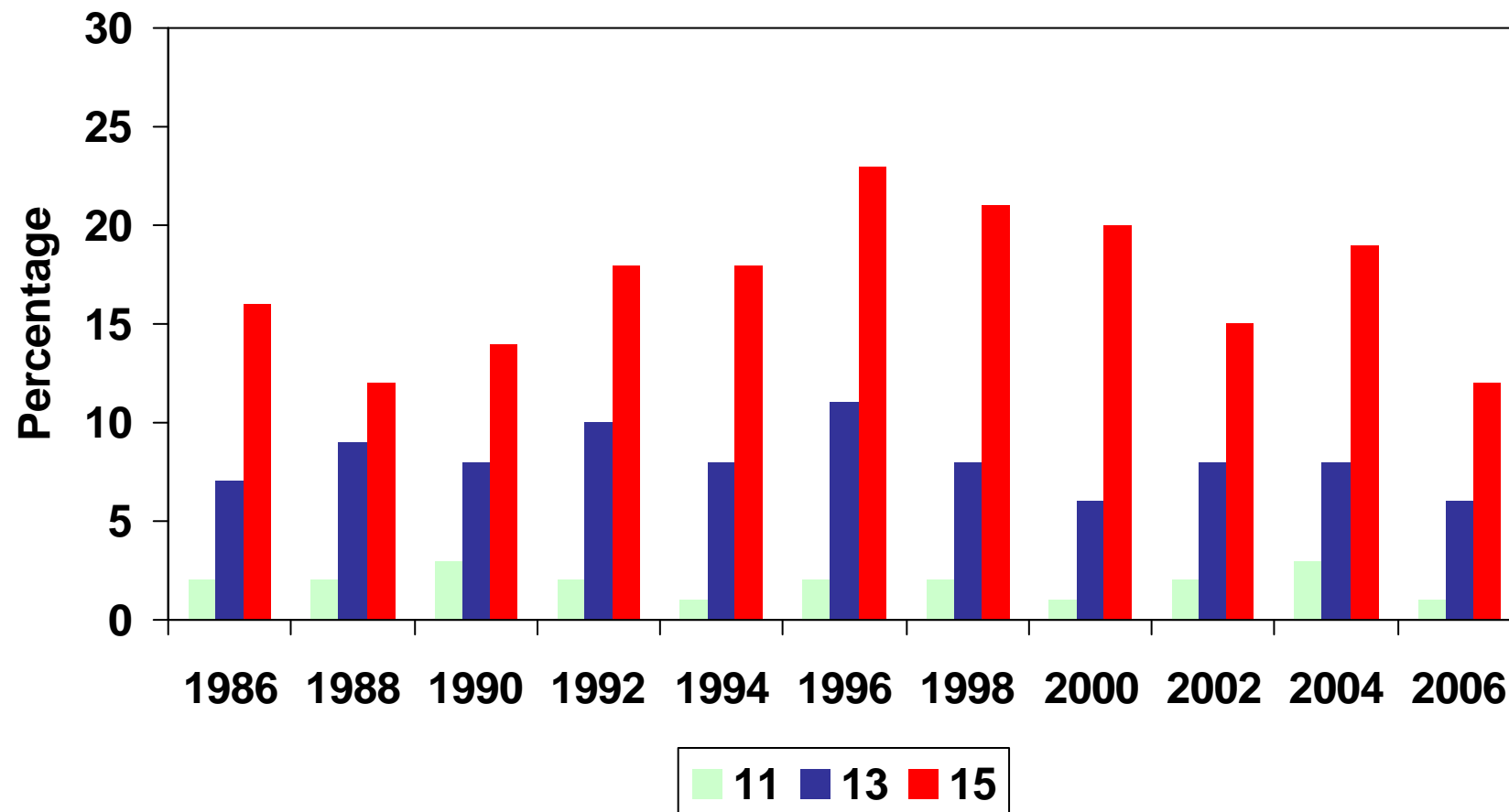


Source: eHealthshow

Weekly smoking in Wales, boys, 1986-2006



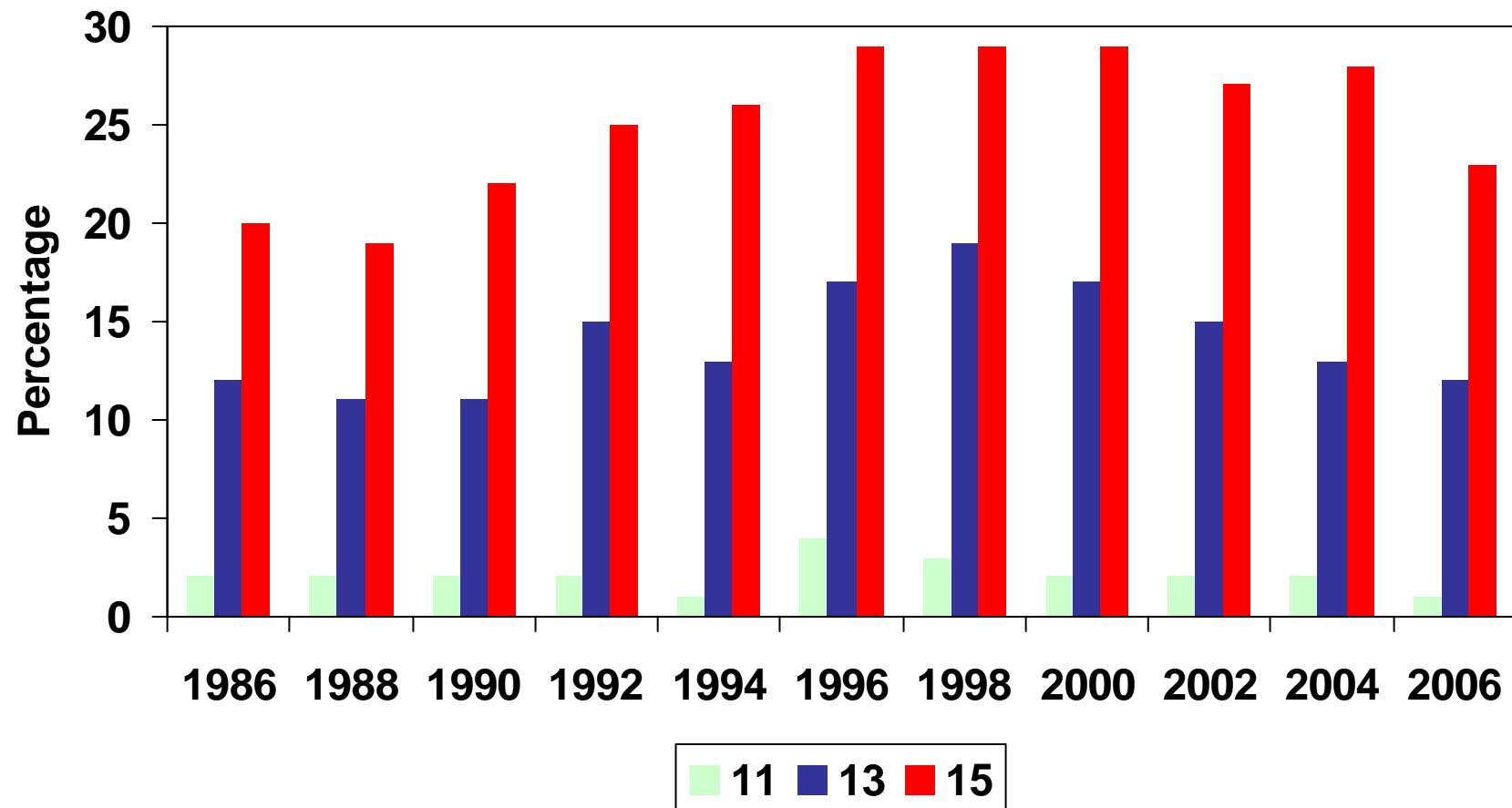
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Smoking with kids in the car is now illegal!

From 1 July 2009, smoking 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 smoking in a car with a child under 16 years of age in the vehicle. If a passenger is smoking, the driver will also be liable. The law comes into effect on 1 July 2009.

How will the law be enforced?

NSW Police will enforce the ban on smoking 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 second-hand tobacco smoke. Second-hand tobacco smoke harms children's growing lungs. Other new laws include placing tobacco products out of sight in shops and increasing penalties for selling tobacco products to children.

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**Diolch yn fawr – Thank you
very much**



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