



Beijing Smoking Ban

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A tough new smoking ban started in China's capital city Beijing on June the 1st, which is also World No Tobacco Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) was happy. The law bans smoking in indoor public places, on public transport and in workplaces. Anyone who smokes in these places will get a big fine. Restaurant owners will get a heavy fine if people smoke in restaurants. The public is being asked to report anyone who smokes in public.

A WHO spokesperson said: "We applauded Beijing for its strong and determined leadership in protecting the health of its people by making public places smoke-free. We are delighted to be formally recognising...Beijing." There are 300 million smokers in China - almost the same size as the population of the USA. China is also the world's biggest tobacco producer. More than one million Chinese die each year from diseases caused by smoking.

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