

TO ALL HIRERS

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As you are probably aware, legislation comes into effect on 1 July 2007 banning smoking in an enclosed area. As a result, the Board of Brentwood Theatre Trust have adopted a policy of no smoking in any area of the Theatre, including dressing rooms (including the 'covered corridor' as that is more than 50% enclosed) **and on-stage**.

SMOKING WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED ON THE SPOTLIGHT BAR PATIO.

For your information, we have chosen to omit the exemption of smoking by performers, where the artistic integrity of a performance makes it appropriate, that legislation allows. This is due to the fact that the non-smoking regulations only permit smoking onstage during performances and expressly forbids doing so at rehearsals. Therefore we felt that it was putting too much pressure on staff and performers alike on opening night to have to cope with the fire prevention measures which would still need to be adhered to, without the opportunity of properly rehearsing them.

We also felt strongly that we have a duty of care to protect audience members, performers and technicians – usually volunteers – from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. We took into consideration the expectation of our audience and their close proximity to the stage area, together with the fact that only two or three productions in the past five years have required smoking to maintain their artistic integrity.

If you do have any issues to raise, please speak to the Administration Office on 01277 230833 who may refer the matter to me.

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