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Kuwait imposes blanket ban on public smoking

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Manama: Kuwait has banned smoking and shisha in all public places, including airports, cafes, restaurants, shopping centres and recreational areas.

The ban issued on Monday by the commerce and industry ministry upon a recommendation from the health authorities covers all forms of tobacco and is applicable in all areas of the country.

The ban was attributed to promoting public heath and preserving people's safety.

Under the ban, cafes, restaurants and hotels have to allocate a secluded area for smokers.

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The authorities warned that non-compliance with the ban could result in legal action against violators.

Inspectors will monitor all public places to ensure full respect for the new rules.