Smoking
Prevalence of cigarette smoking, adults aged 16+, Scotland, by sex, 1971-2011

Key public health events - smoking

1. 1971: Health warnings appear on all UK cigarette packets
2. 1986: More extensive advertising ban; health warnings updated
3. 2001: New EU Directive requiring larger, more prominent warnings on tobacco packaging
4. 2006: Scotland bans smoking in enclosed public spaces
5. 2007: Legal smoking age raised to 18 across the UK
6. 2010: The passing of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010 by the Scottish Parliament, leading to the introduction of a tobacco products display ban in large shops in 2013 (the ban small shops will come into force in 2015) and the ban of the sale of tobacco products from vending machines in 2013