



15 January 2013

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Response to consultation on proposed exemption to the smoking ban for the film and TV industry in Wales

I write to oppose the proposed exemption for the following reasons:

The passing of 'smoke-free premises' legislation was one of the most successful public health measures taken in recent history bringing benefits to the public and workers. Any weakening of this impact, through exemptions for particular industries or sectors, would set a dangerous precedent. ALL workers should be protected through this legislation, there should be no exceptions.

There is no need to change the law – it is entirely possible for special effects technicians to create 'fake/non-harmful' smoking effects. Actors and others involved in the productions should not be expected to risk their health.

Yours faithfully,

Theresa Knight