

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Ministry of Social Security

No. 891/MSS

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Order

of the Minister of Security

To: Directors of General Departments, Departments, National Headquarters; Heads of Vientiane Capital's Security Headquarters and Provincial Security Headquarters across the country.

Subject: The Designation of "Smoke Free Zone" throughout the Security Forces.

- Pursuant to the Law on Tobacco Control in the Lao PDR 2001, dated: 27 March 2007.
- Pursuant to the Law on Hygiene, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, No. 01/NA, dated 10 April 2001.

To maintain a healthy environment for staff so they can avoid the risk of getting diseases caused by smoking and second hand smoking, which are threatening to their lives and possibly cause pre-mature death; to be role models to the general public in protecting the environment and saving money from unnecessary expenses.

The Minister of Security's orders are as follows:

1. The Ministerial General Departments, Ministerial Departments, National Headquarters, Security Headquarters of Vientiane Capital, Provincial Security Headquarters, District Security Headquarters, Police Schools, Police Hospitals across the country shall establish "**Smoke Free Zones**" in fully 100% of the Security Forces.
2. Designate the following places such as office buildings, reception rooms, meeting rooms, places where staff are on duty and receiving important guests, in all departments, police stations under the governance of the Security Ministry, Security Headquarters of Provinces, Security Headquarters of Vientiane Capital, Security Headquarters of Districts, Police Schools, Security Police Hospitals throughout the country, to be "**Smoke Free Zones.**" At the same time, also designate "**Smoking Areas**" outside offices or buildings with the "**Smoking Area**" sign and adequately equip those areas with ashtrays and proper ventilation systems.

3. Post “**NO SMOKING**” or other warning signs on the harmfulness of smoking in the places mentioned above in Item 2.
4. Be sure to absolutely prevent the sale of cigarettes at the shops or offices of the Security Forces.
5. Compliance or violation of this order on not smoking shall be considered as one of the social norms and behaviors of staff; therefore, staff that follow this regulation and become role models to their peers in quitting smoking will receive recognition as appropriate. On the other hand, those who still have not followed this regulation will receive feedback, criticism, or a warning as well as being evaluated negatively in job performance).
6. All Departments, Headquarters and local units of the Security Forces shall altogether disseminate adequately and successfully implement this order within their respective governing areas. The Ministerial General Departments, Ministerial Departments, National Headquarters, Headquarters of Provinces and Vientiane Capital shall set a plan to help smoking staff-officers under their respective administrations to gradually reduce the smoking rate and to increase the number of staff who reduce their smoking frequency or quit smoking completely. A regular report on the plan and actual achievement shall be submitted to the Security Ministry Office every 3 months.

Therefore, this order is issued to all parties under the governance of the Ministry of Security so they strictly follow it.

Minister of Security

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