

EUROPE APPLIES A BAN ON SMOKING IN CARS



Starting on May 1st, Austria applies the ban on smoking in cars, if children or adolescents under the age of 18 are in it (excluding taxis). In case of violations, a penalty of up to 100 euros is set. In case of continuing violations, the penalty can go even up to 1,000 euros.

In other European countries, such bans on smoking in cars already exist. **In Italy, the smoking ban applies in cars with pregnant women or minors.** The amount of the fine depends on the age of the child. Between 500 and 5,000 euros if children are under 12 or pregnant women are on board. When children are between 12 and 17 years, the penalty is between 250 to 2,500 euros.

In Greece, the ban applies when children under 12 are present. The scheme applies in private cars, taxis and buses. If disregarded, a fine of up to 1,500 euros can be given. The penalties for public transport are particularly high. Smoking in a taxi or bus when children are on board can result in a fine of up to 3,000 euros and a one-month ban on driving.

In Cyprus, the ban on smoking in cars applies when people under the age of 16 are travelling. If violated, penalties of up to 85 euros are given.

In England and Wales, smoking is prohibited if there are people under the age of 18 in the vehicle. Violations are punished with a 50 pound fine, which is about 56 euros. In Scotland, neither drivers nor passengers can smoke in the car when persons under the age of 18 are on board, regardless of whether the windows or sunroof are open. Any violations lead to a fine of 100 pounds (114 euros).

Ireland is somewhat similar in this regard. Violations result in a 100 euro fine. However, if the driver disregards any police order, the penalty can be raised up to 1,000 euros.

In France, consumption of cigarettes is prohibited at the wheel in the presence of children under the age of 18. Anyone who smokes despite this fact, is charged with 68 euros.

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