

The Clean Air Act, introduced in England and Wales in January 2022, enables local councils to declare certain regions and districts as smoke control areas. In these zones, using an appliance that emits smoke through a chimney (such as a wood burner) is not allowed unless you're burning an authorised fuel or using a DEFRA exempt product. Fines of up to £1,000 can be imposed for breaches of these regulations. However, I have spoken with campaigners who say the legislation is complicated and difficult for councils to enforce fines. To better understand this, I am approaching all local authorities with smoke controlled areas.

According to DEFRA's data, your local authority has a designated smoke control area

(<https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/sca/>).

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| 1) How many people have you fined for breaching regulations around wood-burning stoves in smoke controlled areas since January 1, 2022? | 0 |
| 2) If any, what is the largest fine you have issued for breaching regulations around wood-burning stoves in smoke controlled areas since January 1, 2022? | N/A |