

# Alcohol / Tobacco / Drugs

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## Drugs

Owning, selling, and consuming illegal drugs is punishable by law. This also applies to small amounts of drugs. The federal Act on Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances (Betäubungsmittelgesetz) regulates which substances are illegal. Commercial drug-selling is punished severely.

## Alcohol and Tobacco

There are age limits for the selling of alcohol and tobacco. In Canton Aargau tobacco products and alcoholic beverages may not be sold to children and young people under the age of 16. For certain alcoholic beverages, such as liquor, the age limit is 18.

## Ban on Smoking

Bans on smoking vary according to the canton. Canton Aargau has not introduced any cantonal laws that go beyond the federal act on the protection against passive smoking. A ban on smoking applies in:

- closed spaces accessible to the public (hospitals, public services, schools, museums, theatres, trains and busses, shops and malls).
- spaces that serve as a workplace for more than one person.

Whether or not smoking is banned in a restaurant depends on the size of the restaurant. Many restaurants have smoking areas.

## Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

[www.hello-aargau.ch/en/good-to-know/alcohol--tobacco--drugs](http://www.hello-aargau.ch/en/good-to-know/alcohol--tobacco--drugs)