

Smoking in train toilets costs Greater Anglia £20,000

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Greater Anglia is reminding rail passengers not to smoke on trains following a number of incidents which have inconvenienced customers and caused costly delays.

In the last eight months, there have been eight incidents across the network where people have been caught smoking or vaping in train toilets.

These have led to a total of more than 100 minutes of delays and five cancellations, as staff deal with the incidents, costing about £20,000 and causing great inconvenience to customers.

Smoking or vaping is not allowed on trains or stations. Anyone caught smoking or vaping could be prosecuted and fined up to £200.

Jay Thompson, Greater Anglia train service delivery director, said: "It's very disappointing that some passengers are smoking in our train toilets.

"This anti-social behaviour leads to delays which affect everyone else travelling on our trains, who may be

travelling to work, school, for hospital appointments or to meet family and friends.

“It is against the law to smoke on our trains and stations. We will not hesitate to take action, such as ejecting them from our trains or stations, or reporting them to the British Transport Police if we catch anyone doing it.

“I’d appeal to any passenger who suspects someone is smoking or vaping on their train or at a station to report it to the British Transport Police by texting 61016.”

Greater Anglia has ‘No smoking’ signs displayed on trains and stations. There are also announcements on trains and stations reminding passengers that smoking and vaping is not permitted.

Trains and stations are covered by no smoking laws banning smoking and vaping in enclosed public spaces across the country.

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