

## Cigarette vending machines are out of order



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[The British Heart Foundation](#), as part of the Smokefree Action Coalition, has been campaigning to ensure children cannot buy cigarettes from vending machines. We were pleased that, following our lobbying, earlier opposition to restrictions on access to cigarette vending machines in the current health bill have disappeared.

Despite the narrow defeat of an amendment to ban cigarette vending machines in the Lords last week, we were delighted that so many peers from across the political spectrum spoke out against them. Many have clearly been persuaded that action on cigarette vending machines is crucial to ensure they are put out of children's reach for good.

We believe that when the bill moves to the Commons in June, MPs **must** press the Government to commit to the strongest possible regulations on vending machines, to make it impossible for children to access cigarettes this way.

We welcome your support to ensure that when the Health Bill becomes an act of Parliament, cigarette vending machines will be put out of reach of children for good.