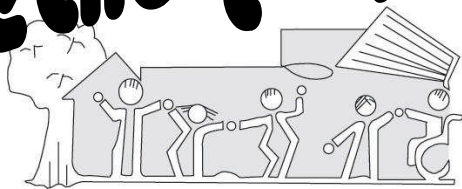


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SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO

How the Act Affects Schools

THE BASICS

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act came into force on May 31, 2006. The Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2005 (SFO Act) replaced the Tobacco Control Act of 1994. The SFO Act makes it against the law to sell, buy for or give tobacco (even one cigarette) to anyone under the age of 19. In most places in Ontario, Tobacco Enforcement Officers with Public Health Units or Departments enforce this law.

PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL PROPERTY

Smoking is prohibited in public schools (including the grounds) or in private schools or on private school property that is in use by the private school (e.g. a playground). This law covers school property 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This means that smoking is not permitted on any school property at any time during any day of the year, whether classes are in session or not.

PENALTIES

- Anyone caught smoking on school property can be charged. This includes parents, teachers, and kids. A person can be fined \$115 for each time they are found smoking on school property.
- An individual could be subject to a maximum fine of \$5,000.
- You can be fined just for holding a friend's lit cigarette on school property!



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