



Smoke-Free Ontario Act Updates for Child Care Centres

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What's New for Child Care Centres?

- Smoking tobacco, **cannabis and vaping** is prohibited in:
 - a child care centre
 - a place where home child care is provided
 - a place where an early years program or service is provided
- The entire premise must be **smoke and vape-free** at ALL times

What's New for Child Care Centres?

- Smoking tobacco, **cannabis and vaping** is prohibited within **20 metres of children's playground equipment**
- The sale of tobacco or vapour products is also prohibited in a child care centre and a place where home child care is provided

Responsibilities of Owners/Operators

- Give notice to the employees and visitors to the place that smoking and vaping is prohibited
- Post No Smoking and No Vaping (or Dual signs) at Entrances, Exits and Washrooms
- Ensure that no ashtrays or similar items remain in the place
- Ensure that no one smokes or vapes in the place
- Ensure that someone who refuses to comply does not remain in the place

Signage Requirements

Dual No Smoking/ No Vaping Metal Signs

- Playgrounds
- Outdoor properties

Dual No Smoking/ No Vaping wall and window stickers

- Entranceways/ Exits
- Washrooms

No Vape wall and window (coming soon)

- Can be used for smaller spaces



Other Prohibited Places

- Indoor common areas in condos, apartment buildings and university/college residences
- Enclosed public places and enclosed work places
- Non-designated guest rooms in hotels, motels and inns
- School, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- Children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds

Other Prohibited Places (cont.)

- Within 9m from the entrance or exit of hospitals (public/private), psychiatric facilities, long-term care homes, independent health facilities
- On outdoor grounds of hospitals (public/private) and psychiatric facilities
- In non-controlled areas in LTC homes, certain retirement homes, provincially-funded supportive housing, designated psychiatric or veterans' facilities, and residential hospices
- Publicly-owned sports fields including the spectator areas (20m beyond spectator gallery)

Other Prohibited Places (cont.)

- Restaurants and bar patios and public areas within 9m of a patio
- Outdoor grounds of specified Ontario government office buildings
- Grounds of community recreational facilities (within 20m of those grounds)
- In sheltered outdoor areas with a roof and more than two walls which the public or employees frequent, or are invited to (e.g. a bus shelter)

Other SFOA Highlights



- All component of the e-cigarette (i.e. e-juice) are prohibited from being sold to persons under 19 years old
- Those under 19 banned from entering a Specialty Vape Shop
- No vaping in Specialty Vape Shops (only two individuals “sampling” at one time)
- Promotions for vape products are permitted
- Not allowed to use an electronic cigarette when a person under 16 is also in the motor vehicle (like tobacco)

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