



The Smoke-Free Ontario Act

Township of Zorra
May 25th 2015



Smoke-Free Ontario Act (2006)

The province has developed a comprehensive Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy which combines public education with programs, policies and legislation to:

- help smokers to quit,
- protect non-smokers from exposure to second-hand smoke, and
- encourage young people to never start



Pillars of the Smoke Free Ontario Act

- **Protection**
Sales to minors/ Display ban/ Prohibited Places
- **Prevention**
'What the Health' / Healthy Schools Program
- **Cessation**
Oxford County Public Health Smoking Cessation Clinic



Sales to Minors

- The SFOA contains the prohibition put on retailers prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to someone under the age of 19.
- Underage test shoppers are used by tobacco enforcement officers to ensure that retailers of tobacco products are not selling tobacco to underage persons.



Display Ban

- As of May 31, 2008, tobacco retailers are prohibited from displaying tobacco products prior to the purchase transaction.
- The result of this proactive approach has resulted in over 95% compliance.



Smoking in Public Places & Workplaces

- The SFOA prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places, enclosed workplaces (including work vehicles) and other places.
- Smoking on restaurant and bar patios is prohibited.
(New)



Sports Field and Playground

- Smoking is prohibited near provincial or municipally owned sports fields (20m) set back. **(New)**
- Smoking is prohibited near children's play structures (20m) set back. **(New)**



Sports Field and Playground



Signage will arrive in June



Signage- MOHLTC recommendations

Sporting Areas:

- If access to a sporting area is permitted from all directions, 4 signs should be installed; 1) one at each of the primary North, East, South, and West entrances leading to the sporting area; OR 2) one at each of the most common entry points to the sporting area.
- If a sporting area is fenced off so that there are less than four entrances to the area, then a sign should be placed at each of the entrances. (NOTE: Excess signs may be used as needed)



Signage- MOHLTC recommendations

Playgrounds:

- 2 signs posted in the direct vicinity of the playground.



Sports Field and Playground

NEW STEPS TOWARDS A SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO



Did you know that you can no longer smoke on or near a sporting area or playground?

UPDATED SMOKING RULES

Effective January 1, 2015, smoking is prohibited on publicly owned sporting areas and playgrounds, spectator areas next to sporting areas, and public areas within 20 metres outside of the sporting area or spectator areas.



Fairs / Festival and Community Events

- **Effective January 1, 2015, smoking is prohibited at restaurant and bar patios, or any area where food and drink is sold, offered for sale or offered for consumption. By this definition, fairs, festivals and other public events where food and beverages are being served are also off limits for smoking, even if they are under open-air.**



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New steps towards a smoke-free Ontario

Starting January 1, 2015, it will be illegal to:

- Smoke on bar and restaurant patios
- Smoke at fairs/festivals and community events where food is sold/served
- Smoke near children's playgrounds and public sports fields and surfaces



To find out more call Oxford County Public Health
519-528-6800 or 1-800-375-0104 ext. 3406
www.oxfordcounty.ca/smoking
www.ontario.ca/smokefree

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Oxford County Public Health

- **Our goal is to work with area Municipalities to ensure everyone is aware of these changes.**
 - **Oxford County Public Health:**
 - **Met with each municipal clerks office and staff**
 - **Made contact with event organizers**
 - **Created fact sheets, posters, web buttons and signage**
 - **Provided reporting forms**
 - **Will provide “smoke-free event” banners**

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Enforcement of the Act

- Oxford County Public Health is responsible for enforcing the SFOA

Smoke-Free Ontario Act Witness Report

Date of Offence: _____ Time: _____

Name of Location / Facility where violation took place: _____

Address: _____
 Municipality: _____
 Postal Code: _____

Witness Statement

Do you know the person who committed the offence? Yes No (If you cannot complete this section)

Name of person committing offence: _____
 Address: _____
 Municipality: _____
 Postal Code: _____

Specify location where offence took place (e.g. seat or chair): _____

Description of offence:

1. Smoking tobacco product:	Yes	No
2. Smoking tobacco product:	Yes	No
3. Supply or sale tobacco product to under 19 years:	Yes	No
Was your name mentioned in any way?	Yes	No
How do you know you have this information? (e.g. memorably's notes)	_____	

Offence took place at: _____
 Business phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Signature of witness: _____ Date: _____

Note: your signature confirms that you are aware that you may be subpoenaed as a witness upon receiving a notice of lay.

Date Issued: _____
 Issued by: _____
 Date of issue: _____

Notice: This Report is the Collection of Personal Information. Personal Information is collected and processed for the purpose of enforcing the Act. The Act is a public law and is subject to the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act. For more information on the collection of personal information please refer to the "Notice of Information Collection" (SFOA-01) on the website: www.ontario.ca/sfoa.

For more information on the Act, please contact the Health Protection Branch at 1-800-387-0000. For more information on the Act, please contact the Health Protection Branch at 1-800-387-0000.

Enforcement is complaint-based

Progressive enforcement



Questions & Answers



Who to contact ??

- **Smoke-Free Ontario Hotline**
519-539-9800 Ext 3496
- **Gemma Urbani**
519-539-9800 Ext 3460
- **Cathy Bulek-Lachman**
519-539-9800 Ext 3437

