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the Advisory Council on Workplace Safety and Health Said

The Advisory Council on Workplace Safety and Health recently reviewed its policy and practice with respect to tobacco smoke as part of a larger review of workplace safety and health regulations. After a lengthy consultation process involving business, labour, and employees, in May 2003, the Advisory Council recommended that the provincial government work towards achieving a complete ban of smoking in all workplaces through a three-stage process (see Appendix A). Because tobacco smoke is not a work requirement, the Advisory Council concluded that exposure to ETS is most readily and easily prevented by eliminating the hazard from the work environment.