

Outdoor eating and drinking areas and sign requirements

Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas

- Effective October 1st, smoking is banned in enclosed public places and indoor workplaces.
- This ban will not apply to an outdoor eating and drinking area that is part of, or operated as a part of a restaurant, licensed premises, private club or private event (except an event held in a private residence) unless:
 - (i) more than a quarter of the total floor area is covered by a roof, canopy or other barrier; and
 - (ii) more than half of the perimeter is more than half covered by a physical barrier such as a wall, window or panelling that impedes air flow.
- If this is the case, the area will be considered an enclosed public place or indoor workplace and smoking will not be allowed.
- A retractable roof, sliding wall, shutters, canvas, plastic sheeting or other barrier, not including screening, that can cover an outdoor eating or drinking area will be considered a barrier at all times.
- The percentage of an area that is enclosed will be calculated using the actual distance from the serving floor of the area to the roof or overhead covering, or 2.15 metres (seven feet), whichever is more.
- Sample diagrams of layouts are available on the Manitoba Health /Healthy Living website: www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/smokingban.html

Signs

- Enclosed public places and indoor workplaces will need to post and always display no smoking signs.
- If a place already has a municipal smoking bylaw, like the cities of Brandon, Thompson or Winnipeg, and has posted the necessary signs for those bylaws, no added signs are needed.
- If a place does not have any existing municipal requirements, signs must be posted:
 - (a) at each entrance; and
 - (b) inside, in numbers and places that the proprietor thinks are enough to make sure that the public and employees are aware that smoking is not allowed.
- Signs can say “NO SMOKING” or show the no smoking symbol, except where a municipal smoking bylaw does not allow it. For example, in Brandon and Thompson, signs currently cannot say “NO SMOKING.”
- When text is used it must be at least 25 mm in height and in contrasting colours from the background.
- Graphic signs must be red on a white background with the outside diameter of the circle being at least 100 mm.