

## The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act

On Oct. 1, 2004, amendments to *The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act (NSHPA)* take effect in Manitoba. These amendments prohibit smoking in enclosed places accessible to the public and indoor workplaces.

This includes bars, restaurants, retail shops, hair salons, bowling alleys, bingo halls and other places.

Smoking will be permitted in outdoor eating and drinking areas, including patios, unless a municipal bylaw or the regulation under the act states otherwise.

### Responsibilities of owners, managers and employees

- Post the required *No Smoking* signs by Oct. 1, 2004.
- Remove all ashtrays. Other receptacles cannot be used for cigarette or cigar ashes and butts.
- Ensure that no person smokes in the places, areas or vehicles outlined in the new law.

### Responsibilities of the public

- No person shall smoke in an enclosed place accessible to the public or an indoor workplace.

### Penalties

- *Individual smokers* contravening the new law may face fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 for a first offence. Any additional violations will be subject to fines of between \$200 and \$1,000.
- *Individual proprietors or corporations* may face fines ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 for a first offence. Subsequent violations allow for fines between \$750 and \$15,000.

This summary is a quick reference guide only. The complete act with amendments and regulations will be available online after Oct. 1, 2004 at:  
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/s125e.php>