



A Message from Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection To Owners and Managers of Worksites

Changes to the *Smoke-free Places Act*

Overview

Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection is sending this package as you have been identified as an employer, manager or owner of a workplace that is or may be affected by changes coming into effect where smoking is permitted. Bill 225, Amendments to the *Smoke-free Places Act* received Royal Assent on December 8, 2005. It is government's intent that this legislation will be proclaimed and take effect on and after December 1, 2006.

Taking a moment to read through to the changes to the *Smoke-free Places Act* will ensure the workplace you are responsible for is in compliance.

If you are already completely smoke-free-where you do not allow at anytime smoking on the premises or in designated smoking rooms - congratulations you are in compliance with the changes!

The Act is also enclosed for your review.

Designated Smoking Rooms (DSRs) no longer allowed

On December 1, 2006 DSRs, the "designated smoke rooms," will no longer be permitted under the *Smoke-free Places Act*. Managers of indoor workplaces and public places are to ensure smoking is not permitted in areas that have been designated as separately ventilated smoking rooms. This change means that existing DSRs in all workplaces are to be discontinued on December 1, 2006.

Other things you need to know and remember

The *Smoke-free Places Act* currently does not permit the following:

- Smoking is not permitted within four metres of an intake for a building ventilation system, an open window of a place employment or an entrance to a place of employment.

- Ashtrays are not permitted anywhere and anytime where smoking is prohibited.

If you have questions

If you have questions about these changes and how they will affect you call Nova Scotia Health Promotion at 1.800.565.3611