



CLEARING THE AIR

Alberta's New Smoke-Free Places Act

Information Sessions



Information Sessions Agenda

- Review of the Act
 - Areas affected
 - Relation to existing municipal bylaws
 - Signage requirements
 - Enforcement
- Question and answer session



The Smoke-Free Places Act

- Bill 201 — the Smoke-Free Places Act — was introduced in March 2005.
- It was passed on May 10, 2005 and becomes law on January 1, 2006.
- The new Act sets a minimum standard for all of Alberta and protect minors from exposure to second-hand smoke.



What areas are covered under the Act?

The following places must be smoke-free if **minors** are permitted:

Indoor Workplaces

- All offices and government buildings
- Restaurants, banquet halls, entertainment facilities
- Healthcare facilities
- Day nurseries
- Work vehicles



What areas are covered under the Act?

The following places must be smoke-free if **minors** are permitted:

Enclosed Public Places

- All enclosed public places including parking garages
- Public/private schools and school property
- Common areas in residential buildings (hotels, motels, apartment and condominium buildings)
- Reserved seating in sporting arenas or entertainment venues
- Public vehicles (includes taxis and buses)



What areas are not covered under the Act?

Public/workplaces *not* covered by the Act include:

- Federal Workplaces
- Federal Airports
- Private residences
- Private vehicles
- Private rooms within group living facilities
(unless otherwise stated by the management group)



How does the Act relate to existing municipal bylaws?

- Existing smoke-free bylaws — that restrict smoking in all areas — take priority.
- If bylaws provide less protection from second-hand smoke than the new Smoke-Free Places Act, the Act will prevail as the local policy.
- Businesses should check existing or pending smoking bylaws within their community.

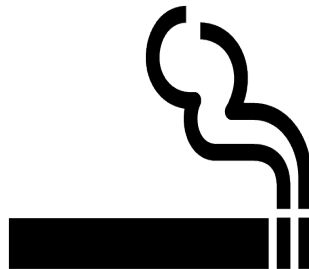


Signs — Prohibiting Smoking





Signs — Permitting Smoking



Smoking Permitted

No persons
under 18 permitted.



Designated Smoking Rooms

Businesses have the option to have designated smoking rooms provided they are:

- A fully enclosed from floor to ceiling room
- Ensure smoke does not drift
- Must not be a common area, e.g. cafeteria



What are the responsibilities of businesses?

Business and workplace owners/managers and employees have a role in supporting the implementation of the Smoke-Free Places Act.

As of January 1, 2006, businesses and workplaces are required to:

- Post the required signs — smoking and non-smoking;
- Ensure minors are not permitted to enter designated smoking areas; and
- Ensure customers and employees do not smoke inside the enclosed smoke-free public place or indoor workplace.

If a customer becomes difficult, you can call for police assistance.



What are the responsibilities of businesses?

Businesses should support employees who are interested in quitting smoking.

Resources include:

- the Smoker's Helpline
1-866-33AADAC
- www.albertaquits.ca



Enforcement of the Act

- Employers and/or managers are responsible for ensuring compliance
- The Smoke-Free Places Act is enforced under the Provincial Offences Procedure Act



Fines for Non-compliance

- Smoking in a non-smoking area
\$250 fine
- Allowing minors where smoking is permitted
\$500 fine
- Incorrect signage
\$250 fine
- Removing or defacing signs
\$250 fine



Compliance Complaints

- Concerned employees should contact the local Workplace Health and Safety Office, Alberta Human Resources and Employment.
- Peace officers and law enforcement agencies can address public complaints.



For more information

- Visit www.tobacco.aadac.com for information on existing municipal bylaws throughout Alberta.
- If you have more questions or comments about the Smoke-Free Places Act please call *Alberta Connects* toll-free at 310-4455.
- Visit www.smokefreeplaces.com for information on the Act and the information presented here.



Thank you.

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