

**Vaping/Smoking  
in School or on  
property**

**\$305**

## *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* How the Act Affects: **Schools**

### **Notice to Parents**

**Sharing a  
Cigarette or a  
Vapour Product**

**\$490**

#### **The Basics**

The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* prohibits the smoking of tobacco, the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to vape any substance, and the smoking of cannabis (medical and non-medical) in enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places, as well as other designated places in Ontario which includes schools.

Vaping refers to inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated electronic cigarette, whether or not the substance contains nicotine.

#### **Public School and Private School Property**

Smoking and vaping is not allowed in public and private schools, including the grounds associated with the school, and public areas within 20 metres of any point on the perimeter of the grounds of the school.

It is also illegal to sell or supply tobacco and vapour products to persons under the age of 19. The age of the provider or the ownership of the product is irrelevant; if the receiver of tobacco or vapour product is under the age of 19, the provider of these products is guilty of an offence.

#### **Enforcement**

Local public health units will carry out inspections and respond to complaints regarding smoking and vaping on school property. School staff who observe an infraction under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* can submit a report of offence to the local public health unit detailing the offence. Inspectors will review the report of offence and can issue warnings and fines based on the details provided on the report of offence.

Do you have children under the age of 16? Persons caught violating the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* who are under the age of 16 are considered a “young person” under the *Provincial Offences Act*. A young person caught violating the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* will be served a summons to attend court along with their parent/guardian.

#### **What You Can Do**

With the increased use of vapour products skyrocketing among youth, it is important to discuss the issue and social scenarios with your child(ren). Public health nurses are a great resource and can offer assistance with cessation. Public health nurses are located within the schools and can meet with students and parents. Become knowledgeable and aware of the age restricted products that are negatively affecting your child’s life.

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