

Non-Smokers' Rights Association Smoking and Health Action Foundation

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Nova Scotia

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-free Places Act (amended)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 1, 2006
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces • Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of group living facilities (includes long-term care and other residential care facilities) • Smoking permitted by registered guests and their invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms
Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited
Public places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited on all outdoor patios regardless of whether they have a roof • Smoking prohibited within 4 metres of licensed outdoor areas, entrances and exits, air intakes and windows of workplaces • Smoking prohibited on school grounds
Private motor vehicles (New!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in a motor vehicle with children under the age of 19 present. • Amendment to the <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> received Royal Assent Dec. 13, 2007 and comes into force April 1st, 2008.
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 16(2) of the <i>Smoke-free Places Act (amended)</i> stipulates that the more restrictive provision prevails
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation provides excellent protection from second-hand smoke both indoors and out and is considered to be among the best in Canada

Notes

Nova Scotia's *Smoke-free Places Act (amended)* received national and international attention in late 2007 when it was further amended to include a ban on smoking in private vehicles with children under the age of 19 present. Nova Scotia is the first Canadian province to do so, and among one of the first jurisdictions in the world. To read *An Act to Amend Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2002, the Smoke-free Places Act*, visit the Nova Scotia Legislature online at www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/. To read the Non-Smokers' Rights Association position statement on smoke-free vehicles with children present, visit us online at www.nsra-adnf.ca/cms/File/pdf/Smoke_free_cars_Position_statement.pdf.