Non-Smokers' Rights Association Smoking and Health Action Foundation

Provincial and Territorial Smoke-free Legislation/Regulations

Name of legislation	Smoke-Free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 (New!)
Date in force	• January 1, 2008
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
	 Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of group living facilities (includes long-term care facilities)
	 Smoking permitted by registered guests and their invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited (see notes section below)
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited on patios
	 Smoking prohibited within 5 metres of any doorway, operable window or air intake of a public place or workplace
Provision for Municipalities	The <i>Tobacco Reduction Act</i> sets a new minimum standard in Alberta
	 Sections 10 (1) and (2) authorize municipalities to pass stronger bylaws which would take precedence over the provincial legislation
Summary	• This legislation is strong in both scope and strength and makes Alberta a leader in Canada with respect to protection from SHS, both indoors and out.

Alberta

British Columbia

Name of legislation	Tobacco Control Act (New!)
Date in force	• March 31, 2008
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
	 Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of community care facilities, assisted living residences, extended care hospitals or private hospitals
	 Smoking permitted in designated smoking hotel rooms by registered guests and their invited guests
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 3 metres of any doorway, open window or air intake of a public place or workplace
	 Smoking permitted on outdoor patios provided they are not fully or substantially enclosed (meaning having a roof or other covering and more than 50% of the nominal wall space is enclosed such that air flow is impeded). The 3 metre buffer zone does not apply on patios provided doorways are kept closed (except to enter or exit) and windows or air intakes are closed at all times when the patio is in use Business owners are not required to enforce the 3 metre buffer zone if it extends onto public property such as a sidewalk, unless the person smoking is an employee or otherwise under the control of the employer Smoking prohibited on school property
Provision for municipalities	 Not within the <i>Tobacco Control Act</i> Section 523 (Health Protection Authority) of the <i>Local Government Act</i> permits bylaws to be passed that, if stronger, take precedence
Summary	 This legislation is a big improvement over the previous WCB regulations that permitted DSRs in workplaces and public places
	 Indoor protection offered by the <i>Tobacco Control Act</i> allows British Columbia to catch up with most of the rest of Canada Inclusion of a 3 metre buffer zone around doorways,
	windows and air intakes of most workplaces and public places reflects a new generation of protection

British Columbia cont'd	 from SHS and thus exceeds outdoor protection offered in most other jurisdictions However, the new legislation does not make BC a leader as smoking continues to be permitted on outdoor patios Legislation is strong for indoor places but 	
	middle of the road for outdoor places	

Manitoba

Name of legislation	The Non-Smokers' Health Protection Act (Various
Data in fares	Acts Amended)
Date in force	• October 1 st , 2004
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
	 Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of group living facilities (includes long-term care facilities)
	 Smoking permitted by registered guests and their invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms equipped with a separate ventilation system; separate ventilation system only applies to rooms constructed or substantially renovated after this section of the Act came into force
	 Smoking permitted in fully enclosed tobacconist shops to test or sample a product
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited (see notes section below)
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited on bar and restaurant patios if more than 25% of the floor area is covered by a roof and more than 50% of its perimeter is more than 50% enclosed
Provision for municipalities	 Sections 9 and 10 of The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act (Various Acts Amended) allow municipalities to pass bylaws prohibiting or limiting smoking, and the more restrictive prevails
Summary	 When this legislation was passed 4 years ago it was among the best in Canada and remains strong legislation for indoor protection from SHS However, public policy has evolved and the fact that this Act does not include smoke-free patios or buffer zones around doorways, windows and air intakes makes it not up to current outdoor protection standards

New Brunswick

Name of legislation	Smoke-free Places Act
Date in force	• October 1, 2004
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of residential care facilities Smoking permitted by registered guests and their invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms equipped with separate ventilation systems (only applies to rooms constructed or substantially renovated after this section of the Act came into force)
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited on bar and restaurant patios if more than 70% enclosed by walls and/or a roof Smoking prohibited on school grounds
Provision for municipalities	• No
Summary	Legislation strong regarding indoor protection from SHS
	 However, since this legislation came into force public policy has evolved and the protection offered in outdoor public places is not up to current standards
	 It could be strengthened by uniformly banning smoking on all outdoor patios and by including a buffer zone around doorways, air intakes and windows that open

Newfoundland and Labrador

Name of legislation	Smoke-free Environment Act, 2005
Date in force	• June 1, 2005
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in workplaces that are also open to the public, but smoking permitted by employees in DSRs in workplaces not ordinarily open to the public Smoking permitted in DSRs by residents and in- patients of long-term care, psychiatric and other residential care facilities Smoking permitted by registered guests and their invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited in all indoor public places
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited on all bar and restaurant patios
Provision for Municipalities	 Section 13(1) of the Smoke-free Environment Act allows municipalities to pass bylaws and the more restrictive provisions apply
Summary	 Legislation strong for protection in indoor public places, but weak regarding indoor workplace protection—DSRs continue to be permitted Legislation strong regarding outdoor protection—first jurisdiction in Canada to ban smoking on all outdoor patios. Legislation could be strengthened by including buffer zones around
	doorways, air intakes and windows that open.

Northwest Territories

Name of legislation	Tobacco Control Act (see table below for
	Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations)
Date in force	September 30, 2006
Workplaces	 This Act pertains to public places
	 Smoking permitted in parts of workplaces to which the public is not admitted that meet the prescribed
	requirements
	 Smoking permitted in home daycare facilities during periods when daycare is not being provided
	 Smoking permitted in designated smoking hotel
	rooms by registered guests and their invited guests
	• Smoking permitted in a designated smoking room in
	nursing homes, group homes or other residential facilities (as per regulations)
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed public places
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 3 metres of any entrance or exit of an enclosed workplace or public place, except in an enclosed shelter designated for smoking provided the smoke does not come into contact with people entering or leaving the workplace
	 Smoking prohibited within 15 metres of any entrance or exit of a school
Provision for municipalities	 Section 10 of <i>The Tobacco Control Act</i> states that if another act, regulation or bylaw conflicts with sections 8 or 9 of this Act, the provision that is the
	more restrictive of smoking prevails
Summary	 On its own, this legislation is strong for public place protection but weak for workplaces to which the public is not generally admitted
	 Legislation is "middle of the road" for outdoor
	protection—includes entrances and exits, but could
	be strengthened with the inclusion of patios, school
	grounds and buffer zones around air intakes and
	windows that open
	However, together with the worksite regulations
	listed below, indoor protection in workplaces
	and public places is strong

Northwest Territories (cont'd)

Name of legislation	Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations (Section 25 of the Safety Act)
Date in force	• May 31, 2004
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	 Smoking prohibited in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 3 metres of any entrance or exit of an enclosed workplace (if the area is owned or controlled by the employer), except in an enclosed shelter designated for smoking provided the smoke does not come into contact with people entering or leaving the workplace
Provision for municipalities	Not applicable
Summary	Legislation strong for protection in indoor workplaces
	Legislation weak for outdoor protection—could be strengthened by including patios as well as buffer zones around air intakes and windows that open

Nova Scotia

Name of legislation	Smoke-free Places Act (amended)
Date in force	• December 1, 2006
Workplaces	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	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	 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!)	 Smoking prohibited in a motor vehicle with children under the age of 19 present.
	 Amendment to the Smoke-free Places Act received Royal Assent Dec. 13, 2007 and comes into force April 1st, 2008.
Provision for municipalities	Section 16(2) of the Smoke-free Places Act (amended) stipulates that the more restrictive provision prevails
Summary	Legislation provides excellent protection from second-hand smoke both indoors and out and is considered to be among the best in Canada

Nunavut

Name of legislation	Tobacco Control Act (see table below for Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations)
Date in force	 May 31, 2004
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in many workplaces Smoking permitted in designated smoking hotel rooms by registered guests and their invited guests Smoking permitted in designated smoking areas in elder homes or other premises that are prescribed
Restaurants	Exempt
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Unclear—not explicitly mentioned
Bars	Exempt
Public places	 Smoking prohibited in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 3 metres of any entrance or exit of an enclosed workplace or public place, except in an enclosed shelter designated for smoking provided the smoke does not come into contact with people entering or leaving the workplace Smoking prohibited within 15 metres of any entrance or exit of a school
Provision for municipalities	 Section 15 of <i>The Tobacco Control Act</i> states that if another act, regulation or bylaw conflicts with this Act, the provision that is the most restrictive prevails
Summary	 On its own, this legislation is weak for protection in indoor workplaces and public places as it exempts bars and restaurants Legislation is "middle of the road" for outdoor protection—includes entrances and exits, but could be strengthened by the inclusion of patios, school grounds, and buffer zones around air intakes and windows that open However, together with the worksite regulations listed below, indoor protection in workplaces and public places is strong

Nunavut (cont'd)

Name of legislation	Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site
	Regulations (Section 25 of the Safety Act)
Date in force	• May 31, 2004
Workplaces	Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
	 DSRs permitted where workers or others live within a work site
	DSAs permitted in underground mines where
	workers cannot get to surface during entire shift
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 3 metres of any entrance or exit of an enclosed workplace (if the area is owned or controlled by the employer), except in an enclosed shelter designated for smoking provided the smoke does not come into contact with people entering or leaving the workplace
Provision for municipalities	Not applicable
Summary	Legislation strong for protection in indoor
	workplaces
	Legislation weak for outdoor protection—could be strengthened by including patios as well as buffer zones around air intakes and windows that open

Ontario

Name of legislation	•	Smoke-Free Ontario Act
Date in force	•	May 31, 2006
Workplaces	•	Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
	•	Smoking prohibited in private homes that operate a
		daycare, whether or not children are present
	•	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
Postouronto		invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms
Restaurants	•	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc. Bars	•	Smoking prohibited
Public places	•	Smoking prohibited Smoking prohibited
Outdoor provisions	•	
	•	Smoking prohibited on bar and restaurant patios if patio has partial or complete roof, regardless of
		whether the roof is permanent or made of temporary
		coverings (includes awnings but not single
		umbrellas, although two or more umbrellas pushed
		together could constitute a roof—subject to an
		inspector's assessment) (see notes section)
	•	Smoking prohibited on school grounds
	•	Smoking prohibited within 9 metres of entrances and
		exits of hospitals, health care facilities, psychiatric
		facilities
	•	Smoking prohibited in reserved seating area of outdoor sports arenas and entertainment venues
Private motor vehicles (New!)	•	Private Member's Bill 11 introduced Dec. 2007
		Government has announced that it will introduce a
		bill in the spring legislative session
Provision for municipalities	•	Section 12 of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act states that
•		municipalities may pass bylaws that are more
		restrictive and the more restrictive prevail
Summary	•	Legislation strong for the indoor protection from SHS.
	•	However, the fact that this Act does not uniformly
		prohibit smoking on outdoor patios, does not offer
		protection around doorways to all workplaces and
		public places, and does not include protection
		around windows that open or air intakes makes this
		legislation slightly behind current outdoor
		protection standards

Prince Edward Island

Name of legislation	•	Smoke-free Places Act
Date in force	•	June 1, 2003
Workplaces	•	Smoking permitted in DSRs (must be fully enclosed, separately ventilated and cannot exceed 25% of the total floor area) or in outdoor DSAs (indoor non- smoking area must be a structurally separate from the outdoor location) of some workplaces and in long-term care facilities
	•	Smoking permitted in indoor DSAs by in-patients or residents of hospitals for the mentally ill and in those portions of a hospital that provide long-term care facilities (DSAs need to be separately ventilated but not necessarily separately enclosed) Smoking permitted by registered guests and their
_		invited guests in designated smoking hotel rooms
Restaurants	٠	Smoking permitted in DSRs but no service in DSRs
Casinos, bingos, etc.	٠	Smoking prohibited
Bars	٠	Smoking permitted in DSRs but no service in DSRs
Public places	•	Smoking prohibited in some public places (schools, daycare centres, hospitals, etc.) yet DSRs permitted in "non-public" sections of many other public places
Outdoor provisions	•	Smoking prohibited within 2.4 metres of entrances and exits on existing patios, and within 4.5 metres of air intakes on new patios For designated outdoor smoking areas that are not patios, smoking prohibited within 4.5 metres of entrances, exits and air intakes Smoking prohibited on school property
Private motor vehicles (New!)	•	Government has announced it intends to introduce legislation, but only after public consultations
Provision for municipalities	•	Section 3 of the <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> stipulates that where a provision of an act, regulation or bylaw conflicts with this Act, the more stringent restriction will prevail
Summary	•	Legislation weak and not up to current standards for indoor protection from SHS—smoking permitted in DSRs in many workplaces and public places Legislation middle of the road for outdoor protection—could be strengthened by uniformly prohibiting smoking on patios, as well as having a consistent prescribed distance from all entrances, exits, windows and air intakes

Quebec

Name of legislation	The Tobacco Act
Date in force	• May 31, 2006
Workplaces	 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces DSRs for employees permitted only until May 30,
	 2008 Smoking permitted in not more than 40% of rooms
	available in hotels, and rooms where smoking is permitted must be grouped together
	 Smoking permitted in DSRs by in-patients or residents of group living facilities (includes long-term care and other residential care facilities)
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited
	Smoking permitted in cigar rooms specially set up
	for cigar or pipe smoking provided they are
	separately enclosed and ventilated, serve no food
Outdoor provisions	and were in operation on 10 May 2005.
Outdoor provisions	 Smoking prohibited within 9 metres of doorways of health and social service institutions, colleges and universities, non-residential childcare centres, and facilities where activities for minors are held Smoking prohibited on school property
	 Smoking prohibited on bar and restaurant patios if they have more than 2 sides and a roof
Provision for municipalities	Not within <i>The Tobacco Act</i>
	Municipal Powers Act permits municipalities to enact
	more stringent bylaws regarding nuisances
Summary	 Indoor protection from SHS offered by this Act is strong and will be up to current standards come May 2008 when employee DSRs are banned
	Although the outdoor protection offered by this
	Act is good in that it includes a 9 metre buffer zone
	around certain workplaces and public places, and
	includes some patios, the legislation is not up to current outdoor standards—it could be improved
	by including all patios, buffer zones around all
	workplaces and public places, as well as including buffer zones around operable windows and air intakes
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Saskatchewan

Name of legislation	The Tobacco Control Act (amended)
Date in force	• January 1, 2005
Workplaces	 Smoking permitted by employees in DSRs in workplaces not ordinarily open to the public, and in private portions of public places (<i>Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 1996</i>) Smoking permitted in DSRs by residents and inpatients of long-term care, psychiatric and other residential care facilities Smoking permitted in designated smoking hotel rooms by registered guests and their invited guests Smoking also prohibited in all provincial government work sites owned or leased by gov't departments, boards, commissions and other bodies prescribed as gov't institutions (<i>Sask. Public Service Commission Smoke-Free Workplace Policy</i>)
Restaurants	Smoking prohibited
Casinos, bingos, etc.	Smoking prohibited
Bars	Smoking prohibited
Public places	Smoking prohibited in all enclosed public places
Outdoor provisions	None
Provision for municipalities	 Section 15 states that if there is a conflict with a provision of any other Act, regulation or bylaw, the more restrictive prevails.
Summary	 Legislation strong for protection in indoor public places, but weak regarding indoor workplace protection—DSRs continue to be permitted in private workplaces not open to the public Legislation weak for outdoor protection—could be strengthened by including patios, school grounds, as well as buffer zones around doorways, air intakes and operable windows of all workplaces and public places

Yukon Territory

Smoke-free Places Act (New!)
• May 15, 2008
 Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces Home health-care workers, probation officers or social workers have the right to request that clients not smoke in their presence in private residences while receiving services Smoking permitted in DSRs by residents of nursing homes, homes for the aged or disabled, homes for veterans and seniors over 65 Smoking permitted by registered guests in hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast rooms designated as smoking by the manager
Smoking prohibited
Smoking prohibited
Smoking prohibited
Smoking prohibited
 Smoking prohibited on bar and restaurant patios Smoking prohibited within a prescribed distance from doorways, windows and air intakes of workplaces and public places Smoking prohibited on school grounds, including post-secondary institutions (see notes section)
 Smoking prohibited in a motor vehicle with children under the age of 18 present
 Section 15 allows municipalities to pass bylaws, and the more restrictive provision prevails
 The Smoke-free Places Act brings the Yukon Territory to the fore in Canada regarding protection from SHS, making it a national leader. The Act is strong regarding workplaces and public places both indoors and out. This legislation sets a national precedent by prohibiting smoking on the grounds of post-