

Alberta

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-Free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1, 2008
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces • Smoking permitted in designated smoking rooms (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	<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 patios • Smoking prohibited within 5 metres of any doorway, operable window or air intake of a public place or workplace
Provision for Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Notes

It should be noted that the province of Alberta has a policy in place to protect foster children from exposure to second-hand smoke while in foster care. Section 10.23 of Alberta's Children's Services Enhancement Act Policy Manual states that smoking will not be permitted in the residence where a child is placed, nor is smoking permitted in vehicles when foster children are being transported. This policy does not prevent smokers from becoming foster parents, but simply requires them to provide a non-smoking environment.

British Columbia

Workplaces and Public Places

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tobacco Control Act</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 31, 2008
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<p>rest of Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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
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Private Vehicles

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking When Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008 (New!)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 7, 2009
Private Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in private vehicles with children under the age of 16 present

Notes

New to British Columbia for this update is legislation banning smoking in private vehicles with children present. BC joins Nova Scotia, Ontario and the Yukon. Smoke-free car bills have also been introduced in PEI, MB and NB. For background information on smoke-free cars, check out our [fact sheet](#).

Also of note is the government of British Columbia's somewhat new Smoke-Free Environment Policy for children in foster care. As of May 1 2008, new foster parents are expected to provide a smoke-free environment in their homes and cars. This policy does not ban smokers from becoming foster parents, nor does it require foster parents to quit smoking.

Manitoba

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Non-Smokers' Health Protection Act (Various Acts Amended)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1st, 2004
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces • Smoking permitted in designated smoking rooms (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	<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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections 9 and 10 of <i>The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act (Various Acts Amended)</i> allow municipalities to pass bylaws prohibiting or limiting smoking, and the more restrictive prevails
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2004 when this legislation was passed, 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

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On November 27 2008, government Bill 5, *The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Promoting Safer and Healthier Conditions in Motor Vehicles)* was introduced in the Manitoba legislature. The Bill, if passed, will prohibit smoking in private vehicles with

children under the age of 16 present, as well as prohibit drivers from using cell phones. For more information about smoke-free vehicles, check out our [fact sheet](#).

New Brunswick

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1, 2004
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 bar and restaurant patios if more than 70% enclosed by walls and/or a roof • Smoking prohibited on school grounds
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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On April 15 2009, the government of New Brunswick introduced Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*. When this bill becomes law, smoking will be prohibited in private vehicles with children under the age of 16 present. The government has indicated that the law, when passed, will be in force by January 2010.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-free Environment Act, 2005</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1, 2005
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 in all indoor public places
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited on all bar and restaurant patios
Provision for Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 13(1) of the <i>Smoke-free Environment Act</i> allows municipalities to pass bylaws and the more restrictive provisions apply
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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No update at this time.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in a motor vehicle with children under the age of 19 present (in 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 SHS indoors and out • Nova Scotia was the first province to ban smoking in private vehicles with children present • This legislation is among the best in Canada

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No update at this time.

Nunavut

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tobacco Control Act</i> (see table below for <i>Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations</i>)
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2004
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt
Casinos, bingos, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear—not explicitly mentioned
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt
Public places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations (Section 25 of the Safety Act)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2004
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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There are no updates at this time.

Northwest Territories

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tobacco Control Act</i> (see table below for <i>Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations</i>)
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 30, 2006
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This <i>Act</i> 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	<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 in virtually all enclosed public places
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Environmental Tobacco Smoke Work Site Regulations (Section 25 of the Safety Act)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2004
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces
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 in all enclosed public places that are also workplaces
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Notes

No update at this time.

Ontario

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-Free Ontario Act (Amended)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2006
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 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!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act, 2008</i> • Smoking prohibited in private vehicles with children under the age of 16 present • In force January 21, 2009
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 12 of the <i>Smoke-Free Ontario Act</i> states that municipalities may pass bylaws that are more restrictive and the more restrictive prevail
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Notes

On June 18 2008, Ontario became the 4th province/territory to prohibit smoking in private vehicles with children present. Ontario joins Nova Scotia, the Yukon and British Columbia. The Town of Wolfville, NS, was the first jurisdiction in Canada to protect children from SHS in private vehicles.

Prince Edward Island

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> (see notes)
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1, 2003
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking permitted in designated smoking rooms (DSRs) (must be fully enclosed, separately ventilated and cannot exceed 25% of the total floor area) or in outdoor designated smoking areas (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking permitted in DSRs but no service in DSRs
Casinos, bingos, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking permitted in DSRs but no service in DSRs
Public places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in some public places (such as schools, daycare centres, hospitals, etc.) yet DSRs permitted in the “non-public” sections of many other public places
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Notes

On April 24 2009, provincial Health Minister Doug Currie tabled Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-Free Places Act*. When passed, this legislation will bring Prince Edward Island up to par with other jurisdictions in Canada regarding protection from SHS. The Act will:

- Prohibit smoking in private vehicles with children under the age of 19 present. Most other Canadian jurisdictions with similar legislation protect children 16 years and under, so PEI would lead the pack in this respect. See the NSRA [fact sheet on smoke-free cars](#) for more information.
- Prohibit smoking on hospital grounds, which is a national precedent. PEI currently permits designated smoking rooms in hospitals, so this proposed law represents a significant leap forward. However, the NSRA hopes that in conjunction with this law adequate cessation resources at hospitals are put in place for patients and staff. See our [hospitals fact sheet](#) for more information.
- Prohibit smoking in virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces.
- Prohibit smoking on patios, except between 10 pm and 3 am. This partial prohibition represents a step forward but falls short of current SHS standards. A partial prohibition based on the time of day is open to abuse, potentially confusing for people, and does not adequately protect wait staff from SHS— unless there is no table service on PEI after 10 pm.

Quebec

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Tobacco Act</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2006
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 • Smoking permitted in cigar rooms specially set up for cigar or pipe smoking provided they are separately enclosed and ventilated, serve no food and were in operation on 10 May 2005.
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not within <i>The Tobacco Act</i> • <i>Municipal Powers Act</i> permits municipalities to enact more stringent bylaws regarding nuisances
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Good news for Quebec: the legal challenge to the province's *Tobacco Act* has been dropped. Disgruntled pub and bar owners, led by Peter Sergakis and represented by Julius Grey, had been waiting for a May 2009 court date to challenge the legitimacy of the provincial ban. The plaintiffs claimed it infringed on their freedom of expression, freedom of association, liberty, protection from discrimination based on social status, and their presumption of innocence contrary to the *Canadian Charter* (and *Quebec Charter* where applicable).

In other news, the Quebec government is considering a ban on smoking in private vehicles with children present. According to an aide to Quebec's Health Minister Yves Bolduc, the ban could be introduced when the province updates *The Tobacco Act* in 2010.

Saskatchewan

Public Places

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Tobacco Control Act (amended)</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1, 2005
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 in all enclosed public places
Outdoor provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 15 states that if there is a conflict with a provision of any other Act, regulation or bylaw, the more restrictive prevails.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation strong for protection in indoor public places • 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

Workplaces

Name of regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Regulations, 2008 (No. 2)</i> (New!)
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31, 2009
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in virtually all enclosed workplaces • Smoking permitted in designated smoking rooms (DSRs) by visitors and residents of long-term care homes • Smoking permitted in areas of underground mines that are more than 10 m from other workers • Smoking permitted in workplaces for people who are self-employed and typically work alone • Smoking permitted in exclusive use company vehicles
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation strong for protection in enclosed workplaces • Legislation weak for outdoor protection—could be strengthened by including patios, as well as buffer zones around doorways, air intakes and operable windows of all workplaces

Notes

Congratulations to everyone in Saskatchewan who had a hand in seeing the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* amended to include virtually all enclosed workplaces! The province of Saskatchewan now has measures in place to protect people from SHS in enclosed workplaces and public places that are on par with other jurisdictions in Canada. However, it should be noted that there are no outdoor SHS provisions in this recent amendment.

Yukon Territory

Name of legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i>
Date in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15, 2008
Workplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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 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)
Private motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking prohibited in a motor vehicle with children under the age of 18 present
Provision for municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 15 allows municipalities to pass bylaws, and the more restrictive provision prevails
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i> 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-secondary institutions in the Yukon

Notes

For many years the Yukon territory had the dubious distinction of offering the worst protection from SHS in workplaces and public places. Not any longer! The *Smoke-free Places Act* not only brings the territory up to par with other jurisdictions in Canada, but

also makes the Yukon the national leader. Yukoners are finally able to enjoy all the benefits of smoke-free workplaces and public places that most of the rest of Canada has already had. This *Act* sets a national precedent by prohibiting smoking on school grounds including post-secondary institutions.

Public consultations regarding the *Act's* regulations wrapped up in November 2008, and three options for outdoor buffer zones (doorways, operable windows and air intakes) go before Cabinet in May 2009:

- Smoking be prohibited within 5 metres (proposal);
- Smoking be prohibited less than 5 metres; or
- Smoking be prohibited within 9 metres.