

Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces

BREATHE
the lung association



In May 2015, the Ontario Government banned smoking in public playing fields, playgrounds and patios.

Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces:

- ✓ Protect children from second hand smoke
- ✓ Make 'smoke-free' the positive role model
- ✓ Support people who are quitting
- ✓ Reduce litter from cigarette butts
- ✓ Reduce the risk of fire
- ✓ Prevent harmful chemicals from cigarette butts from leaching into soil and water
- ✓ Protect wildlife from ingesting harmful chemicals
- ✓ Denormalize tobacco use



Where you can't smoke:

WITHIN 20 METRES OF PLAYGROUNDS

SCHOOL GROUNDS (24/7)

ON OR NEAR SPORTS FIELDS

RESTAURANT & BAR PATIOS

What's the deal with second hand smoke?

It produces over 7,000 chemicals, containing nearly 70 cancer-causing compounds.

Second hand smoke (SHS) contains at least twice the nicotine and tar as first hand smoke.

Every year over 800 non-smoking Canadians lose their lives to lung cancer and heart disease because of SHS.

The rules don't cover many important places!



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PUBLIC PARKS (NOT INCLUDING PLAYGROUNDS)



BEACHES



HOSPITAL GROUNDS