

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.