
Public Health
277 Victoria Street
5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5B 1W2

May 8, 2006

Dear Owner/Operator:

Re: Smoke-Free Ontario Act

The new provincial Smoke-Free Ontario Act comes into effect on May 31, 2006 and will provide an equal level of protection from second-hand smoke in enclosed workplaces and public places throughout Ontario.

This Smoke-Free Ontario Act is stricter than the previous City of Toronto by-law. Effective May 31, 2006, here's what will change:

- **Designated Smoking Rooms will not be permitted. If you have a Designated Smoking Room, smoking will no longer be permitted within the room and all ashtrays must be removed.**
- **Smoking in private clubs or at private functions within a restaurant, bar or banquet room will no longer be permitted. Smoking will not be allowed at any workplace or public place at any time.**
- **Smoking will not be permitted on any bar or restaurant patio that has a roof of any size. A roof means a barrier, temporary or permanent, that covers part or all of an area, such as an awning, tarp, canvas sheeting or other covering. Table umbrellas will be permitted as long as they are not located together to form a roof.**
- Under the City's by-law, the maximum fine for an individual or a corporation is \$5000 per infraction. Under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, the maximum fine for an individual remains at \$5000 but **there is no maximum fine for a corporation.**

Toronto Public Health staff will enforce the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, and will continue with routine inspections throughout the City.

If you would like further information on the provincial Act, visit the Smoke-Free Ontario Web site at www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/smoke_free/legislation.asp or call the provincial INFOline at 1-866-396-1760.

For information on how Toronto Public Health will enforce the new Act or how to comply, please call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600.

If you or your staff smoke and are interested in quitting, call the Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333.

Toronto Public Health shares the provincial government's commitment to protecting the health of all Ontarians by prohibiting smoking in all enclosed workplaces and public places.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McKeown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being significantly larger and more stylized.

Dr. David McKeown
Medical Officer of Health

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