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The Smoke-Free Ontario Act (2006), prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces and public places, to protect workers and the public from the hazards of second-hand smoke.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act replaces the Tobacco Control Act and the Smoking in the Workplace Act. Private clubs are smoke-free under workplace provisions. Designated Smoking Rooms can not be used for smoking. Ashtrays and Health Warning Signs must be removed.

Smoke-Free Ontario Signs

All signs required to be posted under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and regulation should be posted in a conspicuous manner and should be clearly visible.

1. Smoke-Free Ontario Act - No Smoking sign

Employers and proprietors must place No Smoking signs at each entrance and exit of enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places in appropriate locations and in sufficient numbers to ensure that employees and the public are aware that no smoking is permitted in the enclosed workplace or enclosed public place. Employers and proprietors must place No Smoking signs in every Hotel, Motel or Inn guest room that has not been designated as a smoking room.

2. Smoke-Free Ontario Act - Age Restriction and Health Warning sign

Retailers must post Age Restriction and Health Warning signs at any location where tobacco is sold or supplied in a place where the sign is clearly visible to the person who sells or supplies the tobacco and to the person to whom the tobacco is sold or supplied.

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4. Smoke-Free Ontario Act - Government ID sign

Retailers must post Government I.D. required signs at any location where tobacco is sold or supplied in a place where the sign is clearly visible to the person who sells or supplies the tobacco and to the person to whom the tobacco is sold or supplied.

5. Smoke-Free Ontario Act - Controlled Smoking Area

If a controlled smoking area in a residential care facility, designated veterans facility or psychiatric facility is set aside for the purpose of smoking, the proprietor of the facility and the employer of the workers in the facility must post You Have To Live Here To Smoke Here signs outside the entrance to the controlled smoking area. In addition, the proprietor of the facility and the employer of the workers in the facility must post, outside any entrance to the controlled smoking area, a sign indicating the maximum permitted occupancy of the controlled smoking area.

For more information about the provincial Act call the provincial INFOLine at 1-866-396-1760. For information on acquiring signs or on how the Porcupine Health Unit enforces the Act please call your local office.