

Please find the 2024 links for information for Special Event to assist with planning, compliance and requests related to Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017.

The [Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017](#) deals with the sale/supply of tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes and its components. The Act also sets the restrictions for where Tobacco, Electronic Cigarettes (Vape) and Cannabis can be consumed in public places and workplaces. The Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 applies at all times (24 hours a day with no exceptions).

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Smoke Free Ontario Inspectors are responsible for enforcing the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017.

The information is to assist event organizers with planning and compliance with the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 which sets out the requirements for smoking and vaping laws at your event.

Please review the general information and the linked fact sheets below to assist with planning and compliance for the event.

[Enclosed Public Places Fact Sheet](#)

- Smoking and vaping is not permitted in enclosed public places. An “enclosed public place” means the inside of any place, building, structure or vehicle (or any part of them) that is covered by a roof and where the public is ordinarily invited or has access, regardless of whether a fee is charged for entry.

[Enclosed Workplaces Fact Sheet](#)

- This is defined as the inside of any place, building, structure, or vehicle (or any part of them) that is covered by a roof and that employees work or spend time in during their work day, even during off-hours when people are not working. For example, an enclosed workplace includes an office building, the inside of a trailer office on a construction site, or a delivery truck (work vehicle).

[Restaurant and Bar Including Patios Fact Sheet](#)

- It is illegal to smoke or vape inside a bar or restaurant, as they are considered to be enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places.
- It is illegal to smoke or vape on all restaurant and bar patios, and public areas within a nine metre radius of any point on the perimeter of the patio.

[Sporting Areas Fact Sheet](#)

- Smoking and vaping is not permitted at publicly-owned outdoor sporting areas, spectator areas next to sporting areas and public areas within 20 metres of any point of the edge of the sporting or spectator areas.

[Children’s Playground Fact Sheet](#)

- Smoking and vaping is not permitted on children’s playgrounds or in public spaces within 20 metres of the perimeter of a playground.

[Community Recreation Facility Fact Sheet](#)

- Smoking and vaping is not permitted on the outdoor grounds of community recreational facilities or in public spaces within 20 metres of the perimeter of the grounds.

Note: Municipalities may have their own By-Law that may be more restrictive than the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017. Therefore, you must check with your local Municipality to verify if a By-Law regulating Smoking and Vaping is in effect. The more restrictive law will apply to your event. For example, some parks are completely Smoke and Vape Free.

Smoke/Vape-Free Event Signage: Temporary Smoke-Free/ Vape Free event signs to assist with your event can be borrowed at no charge from Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. Lawn style signs come with stakes so they can be placed in the ground. Email sfoa@healthunit.org to book signs for your event.

To request signage for places where signs are required at all times (e.g. enclosed workplaces, workplace vehicles, restaurants or bars including patios), complete the [Request for Smoke-Free Signage - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#) form.

General information on Smoking & Vaping Laws can be found at [Smoking/Vaping & the Law - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#).

If you need more information on smoking and vaping laws to assist with planning your event or would like an inspector to connect with you or to visit the location in advance of the event, please complete the [Smoke-Free Ontario Request for Service - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#) form.

The information in this email is intended as a quick reference only and should not be considered to be legal advice.

If you require help quitting smoking or vaping – email quit@healthunit.org.