

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Background

Tobacco use and smoking are addictive practices and tobacco use in the school and work environments is not conducive to good health. Activity mimicking smoking behaviours as in the use of e-cigarettes, also are not conducive to good health.

Procedures

1. Smoking and the use of tobacco in all its forms is prohibited on any District owned or leased property, within any District owned or leased building, or within any District owned or leased vehicle.
 - 1.1 This prohibition applies to all staff, students, visitors, facility renters and users, contractors and other members of the public at all times, including evenings and weekends.
2. The only exemption to this administrative procedure is the ceremonial use of tobacco where that activity is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or performed by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.
3. Participation in tobacco cessation programs is encouraged and instruction on the hazards of tobacco use will be provided for students in all schools.
4. Although considered as part of a smoking cessation alternative, all procedures applying to tobacco use under 1. above, are also extended to cover electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

Reference: Sections 6, 17, 20, 22, 26, 65, 85 School Act
Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Act
School Regulation 265/89

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