

# THE SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT, 2017

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA)
- Public Health Support to Housing York Inc.
- Public Health Smoking Cessation and Policy Support
- Prohibitions on Places of Use
- Areas Not Covered by the SFOA
- Environmental Scan (Local)

# THE SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT, 2017

- Prohibits access to tobacco and vapour products by persons under 19 years of age
- Restricts display, handling and promotion in tobacco and e-cigarette retailers
- Prohibits smoking and vaping (including cannabis) in many places where it can affect the health of others and normalize the behaviour for youth and children
- Supports people in their efforts to quit smoking and vaping

# PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT TO HOUSING YORK INC.

2014

- Initial Public Health consultation with HYI to discuss development of a no-smoking policy
- Staff & Tenant Information and Educational Sessions related to nicotine addiction and cessation resources

2015-17

- Hosted STOP on the Road Workshop at HYI
- Provided available smoking cessation supports/resources for tenants and staff

2018-  
present

- Provided info on Smoke-free Policy and provided consultation on HYI Policy
- Provided info on available YR cessation supports

# TOBACCO ADDICTION

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**50%** want to quit in next 6 months



**8%** quit for +30 days

**Tobacco is an  
addiction**



**30 quit attempts** on average before  
success



**37%** make one or more quit  
attempts each year

# PROHIBITED PLACES OF USE UNDER THE SFOA, 2017

Smoking and vaping of tobacco and cannabis, whether for recreational or medical purposes, is prohibited in the following areas:

- Enclosed workplaces
- Enclosed public places
- Restaurant and bar patios (+9m)
- Indoor common areas of multi-unit residences, hotels, motels and inns
- Hospital properties
- On or within 20m of;
  - School properties
  - Community centre properties
  - Public playgrounds
  - Outdoor municipal sporting areas



# SFOA REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-UNIT RESIDENCES (HYI)

Enclosed common areas required to be smoke and vape-free:

- Laundry rooms
- Games and recreation rooms
- Gym areas
- Hallways, stairwells and elevators
- Underground or enclosed parking areas

Areas not required to be smoke and vape-free include:

- Outdoor areas of multi-unit residences and assisted housing, including:
  - entrances
  - parks, beaches and trails (some bylaws cover these)
  - sidewalks
  - parking lots

# SUBSIDIZED HOUSING POLICIES AND BYLAWS — A LOCAL SCAN

- Smoking policies vary across the province
- Neighbouring municipalities have implemented similar policies within their subsidized housing units
- Commonalities include:
  - Smoke-free units using a grandfathering system
  - Policy prohibiting smoking within a prescribed distance from entrances, exits and windows
  - Toronto and Peel have implemented municipal bylaws restricting smoking; Barrie and Durham have not



# SUBSIDIZED HOUSING POLICIES AND BYLAWS — A LOCAL SCAN

Housing Provider	Policy	Municipal Bylaw
<b>Peel Region</b>	Smoke-free units using a grandfathering system	Regional bylaw with a setback of <b>9m</b> from any entrance or exit of a municipal building, including Peel Housing Corporation buildings
<b>Toronto Community Housing Corp.</b>	Tenant consultation underway for a policy on smoke-free units with a grandfathering system	Toronto bylaw prohibits smoking within <b>9m</b> of all residential building entrances and exits
<b>Barrie Non-Profit Housing</b>	Smoke-free units using a grandfathering system Prohibits smoking within <b>9m</b> of entrances, exits and windows	No municipal bylaw that includes social housing properties
<b>Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation</b>	Smoke-free units using a grandfathering system Prohibits smoking within <b>5m</b> of entrances or exits	No municipal bylaw that includes social housing properties
<b>Housing York Inc.</b>	Smoke-free units using a grandfathering system. Prohibits smoking within <b>5m</b> of entrances, windows and vents.	No municipal bylaw that includes social housing properties

# SUBSIDIZED HOUSING POLICIES AND BYLAWS IN YORK REGION

York Region Public Health supports:

- smoke-free units for HYI properties
- using the grandfathering system
- HYI's current smoking policy
- tobacco cessation supports

# SUMMARY

- The Smoke-Free Ontario Act provides specific limitations on where smoking and vaping of tobacco and cannabis, whether for recreational or medical purposes, is prohibited and not prohibited
- Under the Residential Tenancies Act, an individual cannot interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of others
- Public Health provides smoking cessation programs to York Region residents to assist them with moving towards a smoke-free lifestyle