

Smoking and vaping laws



Where you can't smoke or vape in Ontario

If you smoke or vape where it is not allowed, you risk a \$1,000 fine. If you get caught again, you could be fined up to \$5,000.

According to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, you cannot smoke or vape:

- in any public or private school's indoor space, outdoor grounds including playgrounds and sports fields and public areas within 20 metres of the school's grounds.
- on a patio of any bar or restaurant, including the public areas within 9 metres of the patio.
- in a car or other motor vehicle if anyone inside is age 15 years or younger.
- in the entire premise of any child care centre or place that provides an early years program or service.
- on children's playgrounds or public areas within 20 metres of children's playgrounds.
- on publicly owned sporting areas, their fan/viewing areas and public areas within 20 metres of these places
- in the reserved seating area of outdoor sports arenas or entertainment venues.
- in an outdoor shelter that has more than two walls and a roof if the public or employees are invited to use it (for example, a bus shelter).
- on the outdoor grounds of a community recreational facility and any public areas within 20 metres of its grounds.
- in an enclosed workplace, such as an office building, a trailer office on a construction site or in a delivery truck.
- in an enclosed public place. An enclosed public place means any part of a building, structure or vehicle that is covered by a roof and where the public is invited or has access.
- in any common indoor areas of condos, apartment buildings or college and university residences. This includes elevators, stairwells, hallways, parking garages, laundry facilities, lobbies, exercise areas or party or entertainment rooms.

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Vaping laws in Canada and around the world

Flavour bans

E-liquid other than tobacco flavor is banned in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Quebec.

All flavours other than tobacco are also banned in Finland, Estonia, Hungary, the Netherlands, the Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia.

Only tobacco or menthol flavour is available in Denmark, Estonia, and Slovenia.

The sale of flavoured vaping liquids is restricted to specialty vape shops where children are not permitted to enter in British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Vaping bans

Disposable vapes are banned in both the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

In Australia, all vapes, whether they contain nicotine or not, can only be sold in a pharmacy for the purpose of helping people to quit smoking or manage nicotine dependence. Disposable vaping devices cannot be imported into the country.

More than 30 countries around the world have banned e-cigarettes or vapes, including Mexico, Brazil, India and Thailand.

The Canadian Lung Association has been advocating with the federal government for a country-wide ban on all flavoured vapes in an effort to reduce youth vaping.