



**Lambton  
Public Health**

# THE SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT

A school guide for parents and caregivers



## ABOUT THE ACT

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA) prohibits smoking and vaping in schools or on school property, including:

- All public areas within 20 metres of school property
- School parking lots, including inside vehicles
- All areas of the school, including washrooms
- Sports fields
- Buses

## ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Officers from Lambton Public Health carry out inspections and respond to complaints related to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. When a student commits a tobacco/vapour offence, an Enforcement Officer is contacted and may issue a warning, a charge, or a summons to court.

## PENALTIES

Smoke or vape on or within 20 metres of school property, 16 years of age or older.

<b>First Offence:</b>	<b>Multiple Offences:</b>
\$305 (minimum fine)	\$5000 (maximum fine)
\$1000 (maximum fine)	

Smoke or vape on or within 20 metres of school property, less than 16 years of age.

<b>First Offence:</b>	<b>Multiple Offences:</b>
Must attend court	\$5000 (maximum fine)

Sale or supply of tobacco or vapour products to someone less than 19 years of age.

<b>First Offence:</b>	<b>Multiple Offences:</b>
\$490 (minimum fine)	\$200,000 (maximum fine)
\$800 (maximum fine)	

## DEFINITIONS

### CHARGE

Commonly referred to as a ticket or offence notice.

### SUMMONS TO COURT

Notice instructing a person they must appear in court on a particular date and time.

### SMOKING

Smoking or holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (including medical).

### VAPING

Inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated electronic cigarette, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine or cannabis.

### WARNING

Documented verbal or written message from Enforcement Officers regarding an offence without a charge.

## LAMBTON TOBACCO INQUIRY LINE

519-383-3810

1-800-667-1389 ext. 3810

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