

## Smoking and Vaping Prohibited on School Property

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA, 2017) came into effect on October 17, 2018. This law aims to protect the health of Ontarians by regulating the sale, supply and use of tobacco and vapour products (electronic cigarettes), and the smoking and vaping of cannabis.

Under the SFOA, 2017 it is illegal to smoke (tobacco or cannabis) or vape on:

- School grounds (both inside the school and on the outdoor grounds, including the parking lot and sports fields)
- Public areas within 20 metres of school property.

New signs are being posted at our schools to notify users that smoking and vaping is prohibited in these areas.

The smoking and vaping prohibition is always in effect and applies to staff, students and visitors.

Region of Peel - Public Health enforces the smoking and vaping prohibition and has been working with school administrators to keep our schools smoke and vape free. Individuals found smoking and/or vaping in a prohibited area may be subject to a fine.

For more information on how the SFOA, 2017 applies to schools, contact Region of Peel - Public Health at 905-799-7700.

For more information on the health effects of smoking and vaping visit the Health Canada website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco.html>.

Optional Photo:



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