

Background Information

Tobacco and The Law

Saskatchewan's Tobacco Control Act



The goal of Saskatchewan's legislation is to reduce youth access to tobacco and protect Saskatchewan residents from the harms associated with environmental tobacco smoke. The sale of tobacco to people under the age of 18 is prohibited and there are a number of restrictions on tobacco advertising. The *Tobacco Control Act* also prohibits smoking in enclosed public places and a few other areas. The *Act* was first put into place in 2002 and has since been amended, most significantly in 2005 and 2010.

According to Saskatchewan's *Tobacco Control Act*, in any place or premises where tobacco or tobacco-related products are sold; any advertising or promotion of these products is prohibited if persons under the age of 18 years are allowed to enter.

Tobacco and tobacco-related products, such as cigarettes, cigarette papers, little cigars, etc. must be covered up if someone under the age of 18 is allowed in the store. If the store only permits people over the age of 18 to enter, then the tobacco and tobacco-related products must not be visible to the public from outside of the store.

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In 2010, the amendments to the *Tobacco Control Act* included:

- Prohibiting smoking in a vehicle carrying children under the age of 16;
- Prohibiting tobacco use on school grounds;
- Prohibiting smoking in enclosed common spaces of apartments and condominiums;
- Prohibiting smoking three meters from doorways, air intakes and windows of public buildings;
- Prohibiting outdoor signs that promote tobacco products;
- Prohibiting the sale of little cigars in packages less than twenty;
- Prohibiting the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products in pharmacies.

For more information on the *Tobacco Control Act*, see the following link:

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/tobacco-legislation>