



Smoke Free Environment Policy

Purpose

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 prohibits the smoking of tobacco, the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to vape any substance, and the smoking of cannabis (medical or recreational) in enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places, as well as other designated places in Ontario, to protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke and vapour.

Smoking refers to the smoking or holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (medical or recreational).

Vaping refers to inhaling or exhaling vapours from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated electronic cigarette, whether or not the vapours contain nicotine.

- It is the policy of Angus Valley Montessori, to ensure that no person is smoking or holding a lighted cigarette in the centre or playground whether the children are present or not.
- It is the policy of Angus Valley Montessori, to ensure that no person is vaping from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated electronic cigarette, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine.
- Every staff/volunteer/are not or visitor is to be informed that this is a smoke free environment. No smoking signs will be posted upon entering the centre.
- Any person who refuses to comply is in contravention of the Smoke Free Ontario Act.
- The sale of tobacco or vapour products is also prohibited in a child care centre and a place where home child care is provided.
- Smoking and Vaping is prohibited at all times in Angus Valley Montessori whether children are present or not.
- The sale of tobacco or vapour products is also prohibited in Angus Valley Montessori

Therefore, Angus Valley Montessori will ensure that:

- The staff and volunteers will be reviewed prior to commencing employment to offering guidance to children.
- Policy will be reviewed with all parents before enrolling their children.
- There will be no smoking signs posted in the entrance of the child care centre
- No ashtrays will be present in any area of the work environment.

If there is noncompliance to this policy

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 requires that the owner, proprietor or person in charge of a child care centre, home child care or early years program ensure that the law against smoking and vaping in the places described above is respected. These proprietors must:

- Give notice to the employees and visitors to the place that smoking and vaping is prohibited.
- Post "No Smoking" and "No Vaping" signs, or a dual "No Smoking and No Vaping" sign at entrances, exits and washrooms of the place, in appropriate locations and in sufficient numbers, so that everyone knows that smoking and vaping is not permitted.
- Ensure that no ashtrays or similar items remain in the place.



- Ensure that no one smokes or vapes in the place.
- Ensure that someone who refuses to comply with Ontario's smoking and vaping laws does not remain in the place.

Enforcement

Local public health units will carry out inspectors and respond to complaints regarding smoking and vaping in child care centres or places that provide home child care or early years programs.

Penalties

An individual who violates the prohibition on smoking or vaping in a smoke-free and vape-free place may be charged with an offence, and on conviction could be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 (for a first offence) or \$5,000 (for any further offences).

Any individual convicted of an offence for selling tobacco or vapour products in a child care centre or a place where home child care is provided could be subject to a maximum fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, depending on the individual's number of prior convictions.

Any corporation convicted of an offence for selling tobacco in a child care centre or a place where home child care is provided could be subject to a maximum fine, ranging from \$5,000 to \$75,000, depending on the corporation's number of prior convictions.

The proprietor responsible for a childcare centre, home child care or early years program who fails to fulfill their responsibility under the law may be charged with an offence and if convicted, could face a maximum fine.

Signage responsibilities

- For individuals: \$2,000 (for a first offence); \$5,000 (for a second offence); \$10,000 (for a third offence); \$50,000 (four or more offences).
- For corporations: \$5,000 (for a first offence); \$10,000 (for a second offence); \$25,000 (for a third offence); \$75,000 (four or more offences).

Other responsibilities

- For individuals: \$1,000 (for a first offence); \$5,000 (two or more offences).