

What is the smoking policy at York?

All Ontario Universities and Colleges are bound by the requirements of the Smoke Free Ontario Act (2005). In addition to the spaces under the Smoke Free Ontario Act, there are some other places on campus that are also smoke free.

Where are the places on campus that I cannot smoke, given the new Smoke Free Ontario Act?

ALL indoor spaces are required to be smoke-free including stairwells, washrooms – ANY indoor space. Among the additional locations on campus that are now considered “smoke free”, including those specified under the Act, are:

- The Colonnade: year round, even when the large doors are fully open. (This is the walkway along the south side of York Lanes and the Student Centre and the east side of Vari Hall).
- Outdoor courtyard in Central Square.
- All parking structures.
- Inside of the loading docks of buildings.
- Any entrance, walkway or patio with a roof and more than two supporting walls. This includes many building entrances at York, including entrances to the Osgoode Hall Law School building, Steacie Science & Engineering Library, Bethune College, Stong College, and the southwest and northwest entrances of York Hall C Wing (adjacent to the Senate Chamber) at the Glendon campus.
- All University vehicles, including the GoSafe Shuttle and the Glendon Shuttle.
- Within 9 metres of any building signed, “No smoking within 9 metres of building”.
- Inside the York Stadium.

Where can I smoke?

If you choose to smoke, you may smoke in some outdoor spaces. Watch for signs that restrict smoking and be aware of the spaces listed above where smoking is now prohibited by law under the Smoke Free Ontario Act. If you do choose to smoke, please help keep the campus clean by discarding your cigarette butts in appropriate disposal containers.

What if I see someone smoking in a non-smoking area? What should I do?

If you see someone smoking in a non-smoking area, and you feel comfortable in doing so, politely ask them to move to an appropriate smoking location, or ask them to put out their cigarette. People are often unaware that they are in a non-smoking area. Perhaps you can say, "Excuse me, you probably didn't realize this is a non-smoking area. Kindly move outside or put out your cigarette. Thank you." Be kind and polite.

If I've politely asked someone to leave the non-smoking area and they have not cooperated, or I do not feel comfortable asking them to move, who can I contact?

There are various options, depending on where you are on campus.

Central Square Courtyard outside of the cafeteria	Security Services 416-650-8000 or ext. 58000
The Colonnade along York Lanes and Student Centre	
ANY indoor space (including stairwells, washrooms, classrooms, hallways, etc.)	
Inside parking structures (with roofs)	
In University vehicles (Glendon and GoSafe shuttles)	
Any entrance, walkway or patio with a roof and more than two walls	
In Residence Buildings	Residence Life Coordinator for that particular residence or the Don on duty
Entrances to the Seymour Schulich Building	Office of the Executive Officer at Schulich

Periodically, a City of Toronto By-law Enforcement Officer will come to campus and will issue tickets to people smoking in non-smoking spaces. The maximum fine for an individual is up to \$5,000 per infraction.

What is the future of smoking on campus?

York is preparing to become a 100% smoke free campus. Efforts are in progress to achieve this goal by 2009. To learn more about this initiative, visit www.yorku.ca/iquit

What if I want to quit smoking? Where do I go?

If you are a staff or faculty member, contact the Canadian Cancer Society's Smokers Helpline or Toronto Health Connection at to learn more about smoking cessation resources in your community. You may also contact your Employee Assistance Program.

Smokers Helpline: 1-877-513-5333 <http://ccs.stopsmokingcentre.net>

Toronto Health Connection: 416-338-7600 http://www.toronto.ca/health/quit_smoking.htm

Employee Assistance Program: 1-800-268-5211 www.fgiworld.com

If you are a student at York, you may also contact the Canadian Cancer Society's Smokers Helpline at 1-877-513-5333 or Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 to learn more about smoking cessation resources in your community, or you may contact your Health Educator at 416-736-5196 or healthed@yorku.ca for a free smoking cessation appointment.

What if I want to help a friend quit smoking? What can I do?

Sometimes we think we are being helpful by lecturing our friends who are trying to quit smoking. We care about their health, want to show support, but can sometimes become a bother to them. If you are interested in helping a friend quit, consider reviewing this helpful resource:

www.yorku.ca/iquit/support/helpafriend