

VAPING LAWS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

All schools in BC are tobacco* and vape-free

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

THE LAWS

In BC, the sale and use of tobacco and vapour products is governed by the **Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation and E-Substances Regulation**. Vapour products are regulated the same way as tobacco products.

The legal age to buy and sell vapour products in BC is 19.

Just like tobacco products, vapour products cannot be used in public buildings and workplaces, near doorways, or air intakes or on school property.

When someone under the age of 16 is inside your vehicle, it is illegal to smoke or vape. Some municipalities have increased the age to 19.

All K-12 schools in BC are tobacco and vape-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even when schools are closed.

The ban includes parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards and vehicles parked on school property.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M FOUND VAPING?

There may be consequences. They could include:

- Contacting your adult or guardian
- Meeting with the Principal and/or School Administrators
- Confiscation of the vapour product
- Restrictions on participating in extra-curricular school activities, events or field trips

Each school in BC may approach it differently.

gov.bc.ca/vaping



*This resource is referring to commercial tobacco products which is not to be confused with traditional tobacco used by some Indigenous communities in BC.

WHERE TO GET HELP

VISIT QUITNOW.CA

or call 1-877-455-2233 to get support from a Quit Coach. QuitNow is a free service for those looking to cut back or quit. It is judgement-free, confidential and personalized to you.



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