

# Is Smoking Allowed in Your Children's Day Care?

- Children are not able to control their exposure to second-hand smoke (SHS), and are more vulnerable to the harmful effects of SHS. Protecting them is important.
- Smoking will not be allowed in licensed private-home day cares (\*) - **whether or not children are present**, when the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* becomes effective on May 31, 2006 (\* As defined by the *Day Nurseries Act*<sup>1</sup>)
- Smoking has not been allowed within licensed day nurseries (\*) since 1994, by the *Tobacco Control Act*<sup>2</sup>
- Employers of licensed day nurseries and licensed private-home day cares are responsible for ensuring that no one smokes within the enclosed area
- The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* **does not apply** if your child care provider is unlicensed. Ask them if they allow smoking indoors.
- For more information please contact the Region of Peel at 905-799-7700 (or Toll-Free from Caledon 905-584-2216)
- The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* can be viewed at [http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/smokefree/news\\_releases/smoke\\_free\\_ontario\\_act.pdf](http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/smokefree/news_releases/smoke_free_ontario_act.pdf)

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<sup>1</sup> Government of Ontario (1990) *Day Nurseries Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.2 [Cited 2006 Jan 18]. Available from: [http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/90d02\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/90d02_e.htm)

<sup>2</sup> The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* will amend the *Tobacco Control Act* (1994) when it becomes effective on May 31, 2006.

