

INFORMATION BULLETIN

RE: Campfire Bans and Smoking Restrictions Policy

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risk of wildfires in protected areas during periods of heightened risk. This policy applies to all protected areas. This policy does not apply to registered parties in a designated front country campsite or group campsite who are smoking within the bounds of their campsite or group campsite.

The policy also does not apply to smoking in private vehicles.

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) alerts BC Parks when a campfire prohibition comes into effect. This alert will immediately trigger a BC Parks' smoking restriction within the same park or protected areas affected by the campfire prohibition.

- The smoking restriction applies to all areas within a provincial park and protected area except in a designated, front country campsite. Cigarettes and other ignition sources must be extinguished and disposed of within the designated campsite.
- Smoking is restricted in all public areas of a park or protected area, however the restriction also doesn't apply to a park visitor's private motor vehicle or recreational vehicle. Individuals must remain in their private vehicle or recreational vehicle while smoking and dispose of the ignition source within the vehicle. It is not acceptable to smoke outside of those vehicles, except when the vehicle is in a registered campsite or group campsite with a hardened surface.
- Park Operators will post information in key locations such as park entrances, information shelters and trailheads.
- The smoking restriction remains in effect until the BCWS rescinds the campfire prohibition, at which time BC Parks requests Park Operators, and BC Parks staff to update the information.