

### **Media Release Correction**

**The media release issued to you on January 14, 2009 contained an error concerning the age of children protected by the new law which prohibits smoking in vehicles when children are present. The complete corrected text is below.**

## **New provincial vehicle law comes into effect during National Non-Smoking Week**

New legislation that protects children from the effects of second-hand smoke in vehicles comes into effect January 21, 2009 – a date also commonly known as Weedless Wednesday.

The evidence documenting the negative effects of second-hand smoke are clear. The only way parents and caregivers can protect their kids from the dangers of second-hand smoke in the car is by not smoking in the vehicle.

Ontario's new law prohibits people from smoking in a motor vehicle when children under the age of 16 are present. Police forces across the province are responsible for the enforcement of this new law.

Local police forces and the public health unit are working together to implement this law. Ms Cathcart, Constable Sejrup and Constable McEwan are available Wednesday January 21 to respond jointly to media inquiries.

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### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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