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David Monaghan of the 1001 Variety in the Stouffville Shopping Plaza on Main Street won't sell you smokes if you're younger than 19. Most local store owners agree.

Grade 11 a big year for teens to smoke

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withdrawn for a minimum of six months. Law-wise, nothing can be done about kids smoking on the streets or in parks, Keates points out. "We have no laws applying to the street or to parks," she said.

It's "not illegal" for people under 19 years to buy cigarettes, Keates stresses. "It's just illegal to sell them."

York Region works hand-in-hand with boards of education in order to educate teens about the ills of smoking.

Health educator Helen Tunning is keeping her fingers crossed, hoping the federal government goes through with a proposal for a cigarette price hike.

Research done shows that teen smoking decreases when cigarettes cost more, said Tunning.

Grade 11 is a critical year for teens. It seems to be the time when experimental smokers become bonified nicotine addicts.

"The irony is it's when teenagers are starting to smoke, adults are trying to quit," Tunning points out.

There are marked differences across the province in smoking among youth. Health Canada reported that Quebec has the highest rate (36 per cent), while British Columbia has the lowest (24 per cent). Ontario is ranked second lowest (25 per cent).

Recently, York Region council backed a plan to have the region completely smoke free by 2004.

LIGHTING UP: THE STATISTICS

- Of teen smokers between 15 and 17 surveyed in Canada, 32 per cent reported being given their cigarettes by a friend, while 30 per cent bought their tobacco from a corner store and another 16 per cent had friends buy on their behalf.
- In 1999, 28 per cent of Ontario students in Grade 7, 9, 11 and 13 reported having more than one cigarette in the past year.
- The annual prevalence of smoking decreased significantly from 1981 to 1991 and increased from 1991 to 1999.
- There has been no significant gender difference in smoking prevalence since 1981.
- Cigarette use in the past year decreased in all grades from 1981 to 1991, but in 1999 was similar to levels in the 1980's.

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