



ASSIGNMENT

Develop a Model Policy



BACKGROUND

Healthy public policies create supportive environments that enable people to lead healthier lives. Model policies are often developed to help public health professionals to consider possibilities, and use when drafting their own policies. Their suitability often depends upon a number of factors, such as the current state of the law and practice in each area of policy, writing style and specific needs of each jurisdiction.



Please refer to the following resources on model policies:

- [Coalition Poids](#)
- [POWER Up!](#)
- [ChangeLab Solutions](#)



SCENARIO:

You are working as a Policy Specialist within a non-governmental organization and have been tasked with developing a model policy to help address a public health issue affecting Canada.



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1. Select the jurisdiction you would like to focus on (e.g., municipal, provincial/territorial, federal)
2. Choose a public health policy problem from one of the following topic areas:
 - > Tobacco use;
 - > Alcohol consumption;
 - > Physical inactivity;
 - > Unhealthy eating;
 - > Environmental health, including the built environment & radon;
 - > Occupational health;
 - > Ultraviolet radiation;
 - > Infectious agents (e.g., HPV, hepatitis).
3. Use the [Prevention Policies Directory](#) as a starting point to explore policy options to address your issue and find policies from other Canadian jurisdictions that you can use to inform development of a model policy for your issue.
4. Use the National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy's [Framework for Analyzing Public Policies: Practical Guide](#) to inform your analysis.
5. Develop a model policy on this issue. Prior to the model policy itself, provide important framing for public health professionals on why this policy issue is of importance, and suggest mechanisms for policy action.