

## **Boxing Day 2010**

The Government has amended The Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Act, to allow unrestricted shopping on Boxing Day when it falls on a Sunday, as it does in 2010.

### **Can stores be open on Boxing Day 2010?**

In municipalities with a Sunday shopping bylaw retail stores can be open at any time on Boxing Day. Municipalities can pass a by-law to restrict Boxing Day shopping if they wish. Store owners should check with their municipality to make sure the hours are not restricted.

### **Do municipalities need to do anything to allow unrestricted Sunday shopping on Boxing Day Sundays?**

No, in municipalities with a Sunday shopping bylaw there is now no restriction on when stores can open on Boxing Day. If a municipality wants to restrict store hours on Boxing Day, they pass a new bylaw allowing specific hours.

### **Can stores open on Boxing Day 2010 in municipalities that do not allow Sunday shopping?**

No, if a municipality does not allow Sunday shopping, stores that normally operate with more than 4 employees can not open on Sundays including Boxing Day.

### **Do stores have to be open on Boxing Day?**

No, store owners will make the decision whether to open on Boxing Day, and what their hours of operation will be.

### **Can landlords force a store to open on Boxing Day?**

If a store's lease requires the store to be open on Sundays, the store must follow the lease between the hours of 12:00 and 6:00. A current lease agreement cannot force a store to be open more than 12:00 to 6:00 on Boxing Day.

## **Does this amendment provide for unrestricted Sunday shopping?**

No, the amendment specifically applies to Boxing Day when it falls on a Sunday. It will not apply to any other Sundays.

## **Are employees paid differently if they work on Boxing Day?**

No, Boxing Day is not a general holiday. Employees will receive regular wages for working on Boxing Day, unless they have worked overtime. Please see the [Overtime](#) fact sheet for details regarding overtime wages.

## **When is the next time Boxing Day falls on a Sunday?**

Boxing Day falls on a Sunday in 2010, the next time it happens is in 2021

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