



Policy

Title: Smoke Free

Policy Statement:

Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products is prohibited in Indoor Areas and in College Vehicles.

Approved: (Original copy signed by Chair of the Board)
(Daniel Vandermeulen, Chair of the Board)

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Reference to other Documents:

Finance - Travel and Transportation Procedure

Definitions:

Indoor Areas means enclosed spaces owned or leased by the Northern Lakes College including but not limited to buildings, covered parking and College Vehicles.

Smoke or **Smoking** means to carry or possess a lit cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic cigarette, personal vaporizer or electronic nicotine delivery system or to use a Tobacco and Smoking Related Product in any manner, or the smoking of any other substance.

Tobacco and **Smoking Related Products** includes:

1. All tobacco-containing or tobacco-derived products including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, and hookah products; oral tobacco and nasal tobacco, but excluding nicotine gum and transdermal nicotine patches;
2. Electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers and electronic nicotine delivery systems;

3. Products that, when used, mimic or simulate smoking.

College means Northern Lakes College.

College Vehicles means any vehicle rented, owned, or leased by the College Fleet Operations Office.

Purpose:

Northern Lakes College is committed to providing a safe and healthy work, learning, and living environment for employees, students, contractors and visitors. The purpose of this policy includes the following:

1. promote a smoke-free environment;
2. ensure that the College is in compliance with the Bylaw of the Municipalities in which it operates and Alberta Tobacco Reduction Act; and
3. establish educational programs and assistance for College employees and students who currently Smoke or use Tobacco and Smoking Related Products and wish to quit.

Guidelines:

1. Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products is prohibited in outdoor areas that are located within 7.5 meters of Indoor Areas including, but not limited to, any:
 - A. entrance;
 - B. exit;
 - C. window; and
 - D. building air intake.
2. Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products is prohibited within 7.5 meters of flammable or combustible storage areas.
3. The College will post signs in outdoor areas where Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products is prohibited/permitted.
4. The signs will be designed to comply with requirements contained in the Smoking Bylaws of the Municipalities and the Alberta Tobacco Reduction Act.
5. Tobacco and Smoking Related Products are not permitted to be sold on any College campus located in the province of Alberta.
6. Tobacco and Smoking Related Products are not permitted to be advertised at any College campus located in the province of Alberta.

7. The College will provide access to awareness and education about smoking cessation programs designed to assist employees and students who smoke or use tobacco and smoking related products and wish to quit.
8. Awareness, educational programs and assistance may be provided by:
 - A. a Student Wellness Program; and
 - B. the Employee Assistance Plan, "Lifeworks".
9. Violations of this Policy:

Individuals who do not comply with this Smoking Policy may be subject to penalties and/or discipline under College policies or regulations, applicable collective agreements, the municipal Bylaws and the Alberta Tobacco Reduction Act.
10. Special Situations:

Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products for religious, cultural or other grounds protected by the Alberta Human Rights Act may be accommodated by the College and must be coordinated with the Facilities and Ancillary Department a minimum of 5 business days prior to the event. Smoking and the use of Tobacco and Smoking Related Products in other special situations may be permitted with written approval.