



TOBACCO AND SMOKE-FREE CAMPUSES AND PROPERTIES

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A. PURPOSE

This policy articulates the College’s commitment to promoting and maintaining a healthy and safe working and learning environment where members of the College Community are protected from exposure to Smoking and Tobacco use on all College Campuses and Properties.

B. SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the College Community.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. **College Campuses and Properties:** includes any building, structure, parking lots, Vehicle, space or land, (including vacant land or space) controlled, owned, leased and/or occupied by the College.
2. **College Community:** includes students, staff, faculty, administrators, contractors and anyone present on College Campuses and Properties.
3. **Electronic Smoking Device(s):** Any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.
4. **Hookah:** Water pipe and any associated Products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, Tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.

5. **Smoking:** Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated Tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs (water pipe) and cannabis, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic Smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral Smoking device. This definition does not include emissions from College approved-for-use equipment, e.g. theatre smoke machines.
6. **Tobacco:** Any substance or Tobacco product containing Tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah (water pipe), shisha, snuff, chew, dip, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of Tobacco.
7. **Vehicle:** Any and all modes used for transporting people or goods.

D. POLICY STATEMENTS

1. The College will diminish exposure to smoke and Tobacco and promote health and safety by prohibiting Smoking and Tobacco use on all College Campuses and Properties, including in Vehicles.
2. The College will adhere to all relevant local, provincial and federal regulations.
3. The exemption to this policy is traditional indigenous spiritual or cultural ceremonies involving the use of ceremonial Tobacco in accordance with established College procedures.
4. The sale of Smoking or Tobacco products, Electronic Smoking Devices or similar devices, is strictly prohibited on Douglas College Campuses or Properties.
5. The College provides information about resources and support services for interested employees and students, to support reduction and cessation of Smoking and Tobacco use.
6. All members of the College Community are responsible to be in compliance with this policy, and are encouraged to remind other members of the College Community of this policy, and to report potential violations of this policy to Campus Security.
7. Campus Security will monitor compliance, respond to reports of non-compliance and advise those in non-compliance of the Tobacco and Smoke-free Campuses and Properties Policy in effect, and report violations to the Director, Safety, Security & Risk Management.
8. Repeated violations of this policy may be resolved under the appropriate College policy and/or collective agreement.
9. Those Smoking or using Tobacco in areas surrounding the College are expected to avoid littering. The College requests that they be considerate of neighbouring residents, businesses and institutions.

E. PROCEDURES

- SOP Smudging on Campus
- SOP Tobacco and Smoke-free Campuses and Properties

F. LINKS TO SUPPORTING FORMS, DOCUMENTS, WEBSITES, RELATED POLICIES

[Administration Policies Page](#)

- Health and Safety
- Standards of Student Conduct
- Standards of Conduct involving College Employees
- College Facilities Use

G. RELATED ACTS AND REGULATIONS

- [Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act \(1996\)](#)
- [Workers Compensation Act](#)

H. RELATED COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

N/A