

IHCC Policy 5.31 Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Part 1. Policy Statement.

Inver Hills Community College is tobacco and smoke free. Smoking and smokeless tobacco are prohibited in all college facilities, including vehicles owned, leased, or contracted by Inver Hills Community College, and on all college grounds. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events, and athletic events using the Inver Hills Community College facilities are required to abide by this policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.

The following are exceptions:

1. Tobacco use or products for instructional purposes in laboratory and classroom instruction/experiments, or artistic purposes is permitted, but all research, educational, and/or artistic purposes that involve the use of tobacco on campus, must be approved by the College President or his/her designee.
2. This policy does not apply to specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities including those of American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a. All ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the College President or his/her designee.
3. Smoking is permitted in private vehicles and in designated parking lots. No smoking is permitted in the College Center lot. No smoking is permitted beyond parking lot signage.

Part 2. Definitions.

Smoking.

Smoking means inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product, and e-cigarettes. Smoking also includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, any other lighted tobacco, plant product, or other smoking equipment intended for inhalation.

Smokeless Tobacco.

Smokeless tobacco consists of the use of snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, or other forms of loose leaf tobacco.

E-Cigarettes

Any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances for inhalation. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor, but does not include any product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in medical treatment, such as an asthma inhaler.

Facility/Grounds.

Any building or structure, athletic playing field, parking lot, or any other outdoor property owned, leased or contracted by Inver Hills Community College. Any vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by Inver Hills Community College.

Related Documents:

- MnSCU Board of Trustees Resolution
- Minn. Stat. secs. 144.411-.417

Responsible Administrator: Vice President of Administrative Services

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