
Smoking

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POLICY

Northern Lights College (NLC) is committed to a safe and healthy working and learning environment. It is the mandate of Northern Lights College that the College will adhere to all municipal, provincial and federal regulations.

PURPOSE

To promote a smoke free learning and working environment for the college community in accordance with the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act.

SCOPE

Applies to every student, employee, leasehold tenant, contractor and visitors, at all times, while on college property.

PROCEDURE

It is the policy of Northern Lights College that smoking is prohibited in all college buildings and vehicles. On Northern Lights property, smoking of tobacco is restricted to outdoor designated smoking areas.

Smoking and vaping of cannabis is prohibited on all college property, even in designated smoking areas.

Moreover, cigarettes or e-cigarettes, tobacco, cannabis or vapour products will not be sold on premises occupied by Northern Lights College.

Smoking tobacco or use of e-cigarettes will not be permitted at any outdoor location within a radial distance of 7.5 meters from any doorway, entrance, window or exit from any college building with the exception of a designated outdoor smoking area.

Non-smoking signs will be placed at all entrances identifying the policy.

It is anticipated that most instances of violation of this policy can be remedied through education and/or informal reminders. Where necessary, however, complaints may be filed with the NLC Health and Safety Advisor. All complaints must be in writing and must be signed. Confidentiality will be preserved. As smoking regulations are NLC policy, serious or repeat violations may subject employees, students or other campus users to disciplinary action as provided in the various negotiated union contracts or by applicable NLC policy.

EXCEPTIONS:

A person is exempt from prohibitions set out in this policy, with respect to vapour products or devices intended to be used for medical purposes, including to reduce nicotine dependence.

In compliance with article 2.3 (2) of the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, tobacco is permitted for use in “a traditional aboriginal cultural activity”.

Where a Northern Lights College student is required to use cannabis for medical purposes, either on college premises or at a time that could cause them to be impaired while attending a college course, they are required to notify the Director of Student Services prior to using cannabis on college premises, or attending a course, program, practicum, field trip, or college sponsored event while impaired to determine whether their use of cannabis can be accommodated.

DEFINITIONS

“Cannabis” has the same meaning as the Cannabis Act (Canada), subject to any prescribed modifications.

“College Property” means the following: Any real property, including grounds and buildings, structures and facilities, which are owned or leased, or used under the aegis of the College. This includes any vehicle used by the College, and all College Student Housing.

“Enclosed Public Space” means the following: The inside of any place, building or structure or vehicle or conveyance or a part of any of them that is covered by a roof and to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access, either expressly or by implication, whether or not a fee is charged for entry.

"e-cigarette" means the following:

- (a) a product or device, whether or not it resembles a cigarette, containing an electronic or battery-powered heating element capable of vapourizing an e-substance for inhalation or release into the air;
- (b) a prescribed product or device similar in nature or use to a product or device described in paragraph (a).

"tobacco" means tobacco leaves or products produced from tobacco in any form or for any use;

"vapour product" means the following:

- (a) an e-cigarette;
- (b) an e-substance;
- (c) a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette.

“smoking” means the act of inhaling **smoke**, produced by the combustion of an element, through the mouth, usually of tobacco in a cigarette, cigar, or pipe

STAKEHOLDERS

Administration
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Student Association
Staff and Faculty

RELATED POLICIES AND REFERENCES

Bill 10 – 2007: Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007

Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, [RSBC 1996] chapter 451

Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation [includes amendments up to B.C. Reg. 149/2016, September 1, 2016]

BC Workers' Compensation Act

Tobacco Control Regulation B.C. Reg. 232/2007

BC Ministry of Health Website – <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco>

NLC Residence Guide and Handbook 4.23

http://nlc.bc.ca/portals/0/documents/residences/Residence_HandBook.pdf

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act

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