



Title	Smoking Policy
Policy Area	Operations - Facilities
Policy Number <i>(to be assigned by Information Services)</i>	E.3.1
See also <i>(related policies)</i>	

Effective Date of Policy:	July 1, 2005
Approval Date:	June 28, 2005
Applies to:	Employees, Students, and all users of OC Campuses
Approving Body:	Board of Governors
Supersedes/New:	OUC Smoking Policy January 30, 2003
Authority	<i>College and Institute Act</i>

The following are responsible for the administration of this policy,

Primary Office	Contact
Vice President, Education	Regional Dean

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Okanagan College (OC) that smoking is prohibited in all college buildings and vehicles. On OC property, smoking is restricted to designated outdoor smoking areas. Moreover, cigarettes, tobacco, and other tobacco products will not be sold on premises occupied by OC. Smoking at the student residences of OC are governed by the Rules of Residence.

The health and safety of members of the OC community as well as visitors to campus is a concern of OC and exposure to tobacco smoke is a health hazard. See WCB Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Policy Details

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 OC Health & Safety Coordinator. All complaints must be in writing and must be signed. Confidentiality will be preserved. As smoking regulations are OC 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 OC policy.

As smoking regulations are OC policy, employees, students or other campus users who commit serious or repeat violations may be subject to discipline.

Definitions

Designated smoking area: outside areas within OC property, with appropriate signage, primarily smoking gazebos