

Procedure 611 Tobacco-Free Guidelines

November 13, 2012

Supersedes previous procedure 611 dated May 2008



Summary

Genesee Community College adopted a Smoke-Free Policy for all campus buildings on May 24, 1993, and the Board of Trustees updated it to a Tobacco-Free Policy approved November 12, 2012. As outlined in the Board's Tobacco-Free Policy (#6005), Genesee Community College endeavors to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all employees, students, and visitors to its campuses. Research findings show that use of tobacco products in general constitutes a significant health hazard. The College wishes to provide as healthy an environment as possible for everyone.

Process

The following guidelines are established to provide further definition and operational guidance in adherence to Board of Trustees Policy #6005:

Designated Smoking/Tobacco Areas

Smoking and tobacco products (tobacco products means all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, tobacco paraphernalia, electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products) will be permitted only outside of College buildings in designated areas. Smoking and or tobacco products will not be permitted within 50 feet of any entrance or exit of any College owned, leased, or operated facility, including the campus centers, athletic fields, and athletic facilities. The designated areas are as follows:

Batavia Campus: Smoking and/or tobacco use is permitted in the parking lots and in the shelters located on the East Side of the main building and on the North (Thruway) side of the Student Union. The parking lot areas end where the sidewalk and entrance walks begin. Smoking shelters on campus are placed in accordance with the 50-foot restriction.

Campus Centers and MedTech Centre: Smoking and/or tobacco use is permitted in the parking lots. The parking lot areas end where the sidewalks and entrance walks begin. [Genesee Community College at Warsaw abides by the rules of its landlord, the Genesee-Wyoming YMCA, which prohibits smoking on its property. Genesee Community College at Dansville abides by the rules of its landlord, the Dansville Central School District, which prohibits smoking on its property.]

Signage

“No smoking and/or tobacco use beyond this point” signs and cigarette butt receptacles will be placed where the parking lot ends and the sidewalk and entrance walks begin. “Designated Smoking/Tobacco Area” signs will be posted as appropriate.

Education

Smoking/Tobacco Guidelines will be included in student and new employee orientation materials, and will be available from Public Safety Officers. Programs in the Theater and other public events will indicate that the College is a tobacco-free facility. Appropriate courses and/or workshops to assist those who wish to stop smoking or the use of tobacco will be offered on a regular basis.

College Vehicles

Smoking and/or tobacco use is prohibited in all College owned, operated or leased vehicles.

Enforcement

Public Safety Officers will direct tobacco product users to designated areas. If the individual fails to comply, the Officer will file an incident report, and disciplinary measures may be invoked at the discretion of campus administration.

All College faculty and staff members are encouraged to direct tobacco users to designated areas as well.

To Report a Violation

To report a violation of this procedure, contact Campus Public Safety at ext. 6240.

Forms

None

Related Documents

Board Policy 6005: Tobacco-Free Policy