

Smoke Free/Tobacco Free Policy

Health risks associated with the use of tobacco products are well documented. Since 1990 when the college first implemented the policy related to smoking on campus, additional studies have also indicated that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (second hand smoke) is a significant risk for the non-smoker. **This policy statement is intended to update the current smoking policy to prohibit smoking of any kind and other uses of tobacco products on campus, at extension campuses, at all indoor and outdoor events, college sponsored programs and activities off campus, in personally owned vehicles parked on campus, and all vehicles and equipment owned leased or operated by the College and its affiliate organizations. Use of tobacco products other than smoking products and other smoking apparatus such as pipes, hookas and e-cigarettes, etc. is also prohibited.**

Education and Cessation

The College recognizes that tobacco is an addictive substance; that use of tobacco adversely affects physical health and productivity; that ceasing the use of tobacco is difficult; and that persons wishing to cease the use of tobacco often need support. The prevention of tobacco use provides positive health and community benefits. The College is committed to providing access to cessation services and prevention programming for members of the campus community. Campus members and visitors are invited to see the tobacco free webpage at www.oswego.edu/ozquits

- Students- Tobacco cessation services and prevention programming are offered for students during the fall and spring semester. Prevention programming occurs through active and passive methodologies. Students interested in cessation programs are encouraged to contact the Health Center at 315-312-4100.
- Faculty and Staff- Tobacco cessation services and prevention programming are offered for faculty and staff on a year-round basis. Prevention programming occurs through active and passive methodologies. Faculty and staff interested in cessation programs are encouraged to contact the Walker Health Center at 312-4100 for referral to available services or the NYS Quits at <http://www.nysmokefree.com/> and the Tobacco Free Network of Oswego County at <http://www.tobaccofreenys.org> or contact Abby at 315-343-2344 ext 21 or at ajenkins@cnyemail.com.

Definitions

1. E-cigarette: any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery or other electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking.
2. Smoking: the inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, including a hookah pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product, including marijuana, intended for inhalation.
3. Tobacco Product: any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco, not including any cessation product specifically approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

More information can be found at our website, www.oswego.edu/ozquits

Compliance

The effectiveness of this policy relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of all members and visitors to the college for success. Respectfully observing this policy will reduce the health risk and environmental byproducts of tobacco use and other smoking materials. Particularly in an academic community, mutual respect among members provides the freedom on inquiry and discourse which is at the heart of our enterprise. To make that possible, mutual respect for each other and the community's well-being is fundamental to all members assuming responsibility to create and maintain the quality of our learning community.

Responsibility for complying with the policy rests first and foremost with the individual. Policy non-compliance will prompt an initial educational response which will include information regarding the existence of the policy, the rationale for the policy, and the availability of tobacco cessation support services. Repeated non-compliance will be referred to the appropriate campus student contact or employee supervisory system for resolution. Employees and students will be treated respectfully in the consistent observance of the policy.