

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventative disease and death in the United States. The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health, and has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogen. Tobacco smoke is hazardous to smokers and non-smokers alike. To promote a safe and healthy campus environment, Brookline College campus locations have adopted this tobacco and smoke-free policy.

Policy

Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, and the use of smokeless tobacco products are prohibited on all property locations owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by Brookline College. Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products, are prohibited in all vehicles owned by Brookline College and at any event or activity on campus property. Furthermore, the use of nicotine products or nicotine delivery systems that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product are prohibited in all spaces where smoking and tobacco use are prohibited. Products covered under this policy include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic smoking devices such as electronic cigarettes and electronic hookahs, chewing tobacco, spit tobacco, snus, snuff, and dissolvable tobacco products.

Cessation

For individuals interested in quitting smoking or smokeless tobacco use, free cessation resource information and services will be made available. Additionally, for help quitting, contact the Quit Assist Information Resource group at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or <https://www.quitassist.com/>.

Definitions:

WHAT IS A TOBACCO AND SMOKE FREE CAMPUS?

A tobacco and smoke-free campus includes all facilities, property, and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall not be permitted in any enclosed place, including, but not limited to, all offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, or community areas. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall also be prohibited outdoors on all campus property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, paths, fields, and any sports/recreational areas. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus, regardless of the purpose for their visit. "Smoking," means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, hookah, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. This includes all e-cigs, vaporizers, or electronic delivery systems.

WHAT IS A TOBACCO PRODUCT?

"Tobacco Product" means 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; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

"VAPING"

Vaping includes the use of an electronic smoking device such as an electronic cigarette (e-cig, or e-cigarette), personal vaporizer or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device that delivers "e-liquids" or other potentially harmful chemicals.