



SMOKE TOBACCO-FREE POLICY



COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Summary/Purpose: To provide notice of and guidelines about the tobacco/smoke-free environment at Coahoma Community College.* This policy includes all tobacco, smoking materials including e-cigarettes.

Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited at all times, and at all locations of Coahoma Community College campus, including College-owned facilities, properties, and grounds. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- The interior of all College-owned buildings;
- All outside property or grounds of the main campus, including sidewalks, parking lots, recreational areas and partially enclosed areas such as walkways, breezeways, patios, porches, gazebos, tents and bus shelters;
- Within any Coahoma Community College-owned vehicles, including buses, vans, shuttles, golf carts and all other College vehicles; and
- All indoor and outdoor athletics venues and facilities.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, and contractors.

For purposes of this policy, “smoke - tobacco free” means inhaling, exhaling, chewing, dipping, burning, carrying or possessing any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.

The College also prohibits littering the campus with remains of any tobacco products. Additionally, the College-controlled advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products is prohibited on campus, regardless of the vendor.

Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events, and athletic events using College-owned facilities, grounds, and properties are required to abide by Coahoma Community College policy. Therefore, organizers of such events are responsible for communicating to attendees the policies of the College and for enforcing this policy.

Communication: Persons will be informed of this policy through:

- Signs posted in appropriate areas throughout the College
- Various College web sites including Human Resources, Alumni Affairs, Athletics, Health Center, Counseling Center, and others
- Coahoma Community College Smoke-Free Campus web site
www.coahomacc.edu/smokefree
- E-mail communication to all employees and students
- Other College publications and communications.

Respect and Responsibility: The success of this policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. All members of the College community share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Any complaints should be brought to the attention of the appropriate College authorities and anyone who complains shall be protected against retaliation.

Enforcement: The responsibility for the enforcement and communication of this policy rests with all members of the College community and the College Police Department.

Visitors, contractors, and other individuals on campus who are in violation of the policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply with our smoke-free campus policy.

All faculty, staff, and students who are in violation of this policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply. Refusal to comply with this policy could result in citations and fines. For complete information about policy enforcement, go to www.coahomacc.edu/Smokefree

Smoking Cessation Programs: Student Services and Counseling Center offer a range of information on smoking cessation and support programs that may be available for any member of the College community who desires to quit smoking. To learn more about smoking cessation programs available to students and employees, please go to www.coahomacc.edu/smokefree

*This policy is being introduced to the College community in August 2016; strict enforcement of the policy begins January 2018.