



POLICY

Smoking Policy

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Smoking poses a significant risk to the health of both the smoker and the non-smoker. The New Jersey Legislature finds tobacco to be the leading cause of preventable disease and death and that tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the non-smoking majority. The “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act,” prohibits smoking of tobacco products and the use of electronic smoking devices in all enclosed indoor places of public access and workplaces, with few exceptions (N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56). Smoking is prohibited in all facilities, including College owned and rented vehicles, breezeways, vestibules, walkways and parking lots. Smoking is permitted only within the gazebo structures specifically erected for such purpose.

All buildings in the residential hall complexes are designated as smoke-free; therefore, all residents and guests are prohibited from smoking in any residence hall or apartment-style building. No smoking is permitted in these facilities at any time. Smoking is also prohibited within 50 feet of the entrances to residence halls. In addition, no candles, ignitable lanterns, incense, flammable accelerants or similar products are permitted in any buildings.

All Stockton employees, students and visitors are required to comply with this policy. Normal administrative disciplinary procedures or the appropriate negotiated agreement grievance procedure will prevail for employee violators. Student violators may be called before the Campus Hearing Board. Violators may also be criminally charged with a disorderly persons offense and are subject to a fine of up to \$200.00 (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13).