

SMOKING, VAPING AND TOBACCO USE

This document is the parent policy for any College procedures. Questions regarding this policy are to be directed to the identified Policy Owner.

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Objective:	Olds College recognizes the hazards caused by exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, as well as the life threatening diseases linked to smoking, vaping and tobacco use. As such, the purpose of this policy is to provide a healthy and safe working, learning and living environment for students, employees, contractors and visitors.
Policy:	<p>This policy is designed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify smoking, vaping and tobacco use restrictions on campus; 2. Protect the health and rights of the non-smoker who may be exposed to secondhand smoke; 3. Encourage and help those who want to quit smoking, vaping and tobacco use; and 4. Protect the College from fire or explosion hazards in areas where dusty, volatile or flammable substances are used or stored. <p>The policy will align itself with the requirements of the Alberta Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act.</p> <p>The policy applies equally and at all times to all students, employees, contractors and visitors.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2019, smoking, vaping and tobacco use will be limited to designated areas only.</p> <p>Designated areas are identified, maintained and enforced by Campus Facilities.</p> <p>The College is committed to supporting employees and students who wish to quit smoking through benefit plans and approved support resources (e.g., counseling, support groups, public education.)</p> <p>In the context of this policy, smoking and tobacco use includes the use of lit cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco (e.g., chewing tobacco, snuff),</p>

	<p>e-cigarettes, vaping, and any other similar devices. Olds College prohibits the smoking or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis related products on College property.</p> <p>The College recognizes and provides exemptions for traditional Indigenous cultural ceremony in designated areas.</p>
Definitions:	
Related Information:	<p>D46 Impairment and the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Other Drugs and Substances C30 Impairment and the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Other Drugs and Substances A25 Code of Conduct D25 Student Code of Conduct</p>
Related Procedures:	<p>A05 Smoking, Vaping and Tobacco Use Procedure A05 Smoking, Vaping and Tobacco Use - Smoking Zone Locations</p>
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