

Red Rocks Community College Procedure

Category: Buildings and Grounds
Title: Tobacco Product, Vaping Product and E-Cigarette-free Campus
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Reference:

Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act C.R.S. 25-14-201 et. seq.; Lakewood Municipal Ordinance 9.38.010 et. seq.; Arvada Municipal Ordinance #4501 et. seq.; and Governor's Executive Order (B 2018 011)

Purpose:

This procedure provides notification of the College being a tobacco product, vaping product and e-cigarette free campus environment. It explains the restriction of the use of tobacco and vaping products and e-cigarettes on campus and includes compliance with the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act, Lakewood Municipal Ordinance and Governor's Executive Order (B 2018 011).

Scope:

This applies to all employees, students, visitors and contractors when present on college-owned and operated campus grounds and property of the RRCC-Lakewood and RRCC-Arvada campuses. This does not apply to public rights-of-way (sidewalks, streets) on the perimeter of the campuses.

Definitions:

College owned and operated campus grounds and property include, but is not limited to: all college buildings; all outdoor common and educational areas; campus sidewalks; campus parking lots; recreational areas; and college-owned and college-leased vehicles (regardless of location).

Electronic smoking device means any electronic oral device such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/ or electronic circuit that provide a vapor of nicotine or any other substances for inhalation. This term shall include every variation and type of such devices whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pen, an electronic pipe, a vape pen, an electronic hookah or any other product name or descriptor.

Entryway on the Lakewood Campus means the twenty-five foot radius outside of every public entrance leading into a building or facility per Lakewood Municipal Ordinance 9.38.012.

Entryway on the Arvada Campus means the fifteen-foot radius outside of every public entrance leading into a building or facility per Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act C.R.S. 25-14-204.

Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporizing of a lighted cigarette, cigar, hookah, water pipe or pipe of any style, electronic smoking device, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, e-liquid, cloves and other herbal products, marijuana (medical or

recreational), or any other substance intended to be ignited with the intent of the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke or vapor.

Tobacco-use includes but is not limited to the use of spit tobacco, snus, dissolvable and other “smokeless” products as may be produced and made available to the consumer.

General:

Red Rocks Community College recognizes that tobacco product, vapor product and e-cigarette use presents a public health hazard. The College is committed to providing a campus environment that promotes health, well-being, and the safety of all campus users. As such, use of a tobacco product, vapor product and an e-cigarette as defined in this procedure will not be allowed in either indoor or outdoor areas of all College owned and operated campus grounds and property.

Processes / Procedures / Guidelines:

Beginning on the procedure effective date, the campuses shall begin a reasonable period of education and acclimation. As of July 1, 2019, the campuses shall be tobacco product, vaping product and e-cigarette free campuses, including the prohibition of smoking, vaping, tobacco and e-cigarette use in all indoor and outdoor areas.

- The College shall post notices with the message “Tobacco products, Vaping products and E-Cigarettes Campus” or other international “Tobacco products, Vaping products and E-Cigarettes” symbol or similar signage at critical areas across campus. However, this procedure applies to all College owned and operated campus grounds and property regardless of signage.
- Use of Tobacco products, Vaping products and E-Cigarettes will not be allowed in either indoor or outdoor areas of College-owned or operated grounds and property.
- Littering the campus with remains of smoking products is prohibited.
- In keeping with college policy, the sale, distribution, and sampling of all tobacco products, vaping products, e-cigarettes and related merchandise is prohibited on all college-owned and operated property and at college-sponsored events.
- Organizers of and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events and cultural events using campus facilities must abide by this procedure. Organizers of such events are responsible of advising participants of their required compliance and shall include this notice of our tobacco product, vaping product and e-cigarette free campus in promotional materials.

Respect and Responsibility:

The success of this procedure depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of users of tobacco products, vaping products and e-cigarette users and non-users. All members of the College community share in the responsibility for communicating and adhering to the procedure. College administration desires to maintain a campus environment that is healthy, friendly and respectful.

Noncompliant individuals who are perceived as threatening or violent may be referred to campus police.

No person who makes a complaint of a violation of this procedure or who furnishes information concerning a violation shall not be retaliated against in any manner.

Enforcement:

Visitors, contractors and other individuals on campus who are in violation of the procedure should be respectfully informed of or reminded of the procedure and asked to comply with our tobacco product, vaping product and e-cigarette free campus environment.

All faculty, staff and students who are in violation of this procedure will be respectfully informed of or reminded of the procedure and asked to comply.

Refusal to comply with this procedure could result in disciplinary action.

- Students will be referred to the appropriate student conduct office. Violation of this policy is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Employees will be referred to their supervisor and/or appointing authority for appropriate action.
- Contractors will be referred to their respective employers for appropriate action.
- Visitors will be required to leave the campus if they fail to conform to the procedure when advised.

Fines for smoking within 25 feet of entryways on the Lakewood Campus or within 15 feet of entryways on the Arvada Campus.

In accordance with the Lakewood Municipal Ordinance (9.38.010 et. seq.), Arvada Municipal Ordinance (#4501 et. seq.) and Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act (C.R.S. 25-14-201 et. seq.) a person who violates the restriction of smoking within twenty-five (25) feet of an entryway on the Lakewood Campus or within fifteen (15) feet of an entryway on the Arvada Campus is guilty of a petty offense and may be issued a citation by RRCC campus police or other local law enforcement agency acting within their jurisdictional boundaries.