

SMOKING, VAPING & TOBACCO USE

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Objective:	Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the “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 promote a healthy and safe working, learning and living environment for students, employees, contractors and visitors by restricting smoking, vaping and tobacco use on all College property and complying with applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.
Policy:	<p>This policy is designed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify smoking, vaping and tobacco use restrictions on College property; 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>Effective July 1, 2024 the College is smoke-free.</p> <p>The policy applies equally and at all times to all students, employees, contractors and visitors.</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 product use includes the use of lit cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco (e.g., chewing tobacco, snuff),</p>

	<p>electronic smoking devices, vaping, and any other similar devices.</p> <p>Olds College prohibits smoking or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis related products on College property.</p>
<p>Definitions:</p>	<p>Electronic Smoking Device: An electronic device that can be used to deliver a vapour, emission or aerosol to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.</p> <p>Tobacco Product: A product composed in whole or in part of tobacco, including tobacco leaves and any extract of tobacco leaves, but does not include any product for use in nicotine replacement therapy. It includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco and specialized tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff.</p>
<p>Related Information:</p>	<p>A25 Code of Conduct D25 Student Code of Conduct C30 Impairment & the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Other Drugs & Substances D46 Impairment & the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Other Drugs & Substances</p>
<p>Related Procedures:</p>	<p>A05 Smoking, Vaping & Tobacco Use Procedure</p>
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