

Red Rocks Community College Procedure

Category:	Buildings and Grounds	
Title:	Campus tobacco restrictions	
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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.

Purpose:

This procedure provides notification of the transition to a tobacco-restricted campus environment. It explains the restriction of the use of smoking products on campus and includes compliance with the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act and Lakewood Municipal Ordinance.

Scope:

This applies to all employees, students, volunteers, 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 which 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, or 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.

Indoor area means any enclosed area or portion thereof. The opening of windows or doors, or the temporary removal of wall panels, does not convert an indoor area into an outdoor area.

Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporizing of a lighted cigarette, cigar, hookah or pipe of any style, electronic smoking device, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco,

nicotine, 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.

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

General:

Red Rocks Community College recognizes the documented health risks associated with tobacco use. The College is committed to providing a campus environment that promotes health, well-being, and the safety of all campus users. As such, smoking or other tobacco use as defined in this procedure will be restricted to designated outdoor areas only.

Processes / Procedures / Guidelines:

Beginning on the procedure effective date, the campuses shall begin a reasonable period of education and acclimation (effective date to December 31, 2015). As of January 1, 2016, tobacco use will only be allowed in designated outdoor areas for both the Lakewood and Arvada Campuses. Tobacco use as defined in this procedure is prohibited in any College owned indoor area.

- The College shall post notices informing all campus users that tobacco use is allowed in designated areas only and will include maps and other descriptive text informing campus users of the locations of these areas. However, this procedure applies to all College owned and operated campus grounds and property regardless of signage.
- Smoking and other tobacco use will not be allowed in any campus location other than designated tobacco use areas.
- All smoking materials must be extinguished by all campus users when entering the campus, including in parking lots, and may not be carried to a designated tobacco use area while ignited.
- Littering the campus with remains of tobacco products is prohibited.
- In keeping with college policy, the sale, distribution, and sampling of all tobacco products and tobacco-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-restricted campus in promotional materials.

Respect and Responsibility:

The success of this procedure depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of those that use tobacco products and those that do not. 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 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-restricted 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 policy 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.) 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.