

MPTC Tobacco-Free Campus Frequently Asked Questions

When did the tobacco-free campus policy start?

July 1, 2010

Whom does this policy affect?

All students, employees, contractors, service representatives and visitors on all MPTC campuses.

How is this policy different from our current policy?

Our current policy prohibits smoking in designated areas. The new policy is intended to promote a healthier environment by prohibiting tobacco use anywhere on property owned or leased by MPTC.

Can I smoke in my personal car?

Parking lots and grounds are included in the tobacco free policy; however, smoking in private vehicles located on MPTC property is allowed. Users must make an effort to contain tobacco material, cigarette butts, and other garbage within the vehicle or this privilege may be revoked.

Does this policy apply to city-owned streets, sidewalks and right-of-ways?

MPTC has no jurisdiction over the use of city-owned streets, sidewalks, and right-of-ways. All campus parking lots and internal roadways/sidewalks are owned and maintained by Moraine Park and would be considered campus property. **In addition, the soccer fields/walking trail at the Fond du Lac campus are owned by Moraine Park and use of tobacco on this property is prohibited.**

How will the new policy be enforced?

The goal of the policy is to promote a healthier environment for everyone. With that in mind, the focus will be on self-enforcement. Enforcement will depend upon the cooperation of staff and students, not only to comply with this policy, but also to encourage others to comply in order to promote a healthier environment in which to work, study and live. **Second-hand smoke is a known carcinogen.**

Employees who are comfortable approaching other staff, students, or visitors who are using tobacco products are encouraged to remind the individuals of our tobacco-free policy. Repeated, willful and/or documented disregard for the policy by an employee will result in appropriate corrective action, up to, and including termination from employment. Repeated, willful and/or documented disregard for the policy by students or visitors may result in disciplinary actions, up to, and including suspension or expulsion from the College.

~~All breaches of this policy will be recorded in writing.~~ Staff and visitor breaches will be forwarded to the Vice President – Finance and Facilities; student breaches will be forwarded to the Dean of Students.

What should supervisors do if one of their employees violates this policy?

Supervisors should work with Human Resources staff to address employees who violate the policy. It is the responsibility of all supervisors to carry out compliance of this policy.

As a smoker, do I have to quit smoking?

No, the policy stipulates that you cannot use Tobacco products on college property. For those who do choose to quit, information regarding cessation programs and resources will be made available prior to and continuing throughout the implementation.

What types of smoking cessation resources are available?

To the extent feasible, and utilizing available college and community resources listed below, Moraine Park Technical College will encourage all staff and students to choose a healthful, non-tobacco use/non-smoking way of life. Emphasis will be placed on educating and referring staff and students to available resources/services that provide tobacco cessation assistance.

Tobacco cessation programs and resources are available for all through:

- Employees Only – Moraine Park Technical College Employee Health, Dental and Vision Benefit Plan
- Students and Employees - Other personal health care plans
- Fond du Lac County Public Health Department (920-929-3085)
- Washington County Public Health Department (262-335-4400)
- Local hospitals and providers

Online Resources

- Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line (www.WiQuitLine.org or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW)
- UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (www.ctri.wisc.edu)
- American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking" individual online program (www.ffsonline.org)
- American Cancer Society website (www.cancer.org)
- QuitNet (www.quitnet.com)