

**TITLE: SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE ON CAMPUS**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

In accordance with Alberta's Tobacco Reduction Act, in recognition of the detrimental effects of tobacco use, and with a goal of becoming a tobacco-free campus by 2012, tobacco use is restricted at Red Deer College.

**PURPOSE:**

Red Deer College respects the safety, health and welfare of individuals and seeks to protect those who may be exposed to second hand smoke. Smokeless tobacco waste constitutes a biohazard. In the context of this policy, tobacco use includes the use of lit cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and any other similar device.

**SCOPE:**

All faculty, staff, students, and contractors of Red Deer College and public members visiting any of the RDC facilities.

**PRINCIPLES:**

1. All facilities of Red Deer College are tobacco free, including any indoor place to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted to attend including the workplace. This policy also applies to classes held outdoors.
2. There are 10 designated outdoor smoking and tobacco use areas and these are the only areas on campus where smoking and tobacco use is permitted. These areas will be a minimum of 15 meters from entranceways. Signage is posted to indicate this designation.
3. Violation of this policy will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedures laid out in policy (Student Rights and Responsibilities; Student Dispute, Appeal, and Misconduct Processes; and Progressive Discipline) and collective agreements.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. All tobacco products and related materials must be extinguished or disposed of in receptacles intended for their disposal, that are placed a minimum of 9 meters from entranceways.
2. All vehicles operated by Red Deer College are designated as non-smoking and tobacco free.
3. No person shall remove, alter, conceal, deface or destroy any sign posted with regard to this policy.
4. Smoking or tobacco use is not allowed near fuel storage, combustible garbage receptacles or other areas that may present a fire hazard.

**OFFICER RESPONSIBLE:** Vice President of Human Resources

**RECOMMENDING AUTHORITY:** Service Council

**CONSULTATION FOR REVIEW:** Occupational Health and Safety Committee

**POLICY REVIEW DATE:** September 2011

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2010

**REVISION HISTORY:** January 1, 2003 (Smoking on Campus Standard Practice)  
January 9, 2007  
February 1, 2010 (revised and renamed Tobacco Use on Campus Policy)

**RELATED POLICIES:**

- Occupational Health and Safety