



Fort Peck Community College Commercial Tobacco-Free Policy

Fort Peck Community College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students and visitors. In light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that exposure to commercial secondhand tobacco smoke and the use of commercial tobacco products are significant health hazards, and the results of the Tobacco Use and Attitudes Survey conducted during the spring of 2009 that showed over 50% of current FPCC students use commercial tobacco, it is the intent of Fort Peck Community College to establish a 100% commercial tobacco-free environment.

Policy:

- Commercial tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived products sold commercially, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, hookah-smoked products, spit and smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, snus, clove cigarettes, bidis, kreteks, and cigarillos.
- Smoking is prohibited on all campus grounds, in all campus-owned properties, and in all campus-owned vehicles.
- Smoking is also prohibited at all institution-sponsored off-campus functions.
- All commercial tobacco use is prohibited on all campus grounds, in all campus-owned properties, and in all campus-owned vehicles.
- Tobacco use is also prohibited at all institution-sponsored off-campus functions.
- Tobacco sales are prohibited on campus.
- Tobacco industry promotions, advertising, marketing, and distribution are prohibited.
- Tobacco industry and related company sponsorship of campus groups, events, individuals, and departments is prohibited. This includes scholarships, sponsorship of faculty positions, and recruiting for employment.
- The tobacco policy is clearly posted in employee and student handbooks, on the campus website, and in other relevant publications.
- The college/university will not own tobacco company stocks and holdings.
- The college/university does not accept any direct funding from tobacco companies.

Sacred Use of Tobacco:

On occasion, there may be a group that requests to use sacred tobacco on campus for an event. This will require submitting a request form in advance to the college President. The President will gather information about the event, and approve or deny the request. Should the President require the use of tobacco, the FPCC Board of Director's will approve the use. This special circumstance requests shall exclude the use of spit tobacco products.

Cessation Resources:

The campus will create a supportive environment for those wishing to quit the use of commercial tobacco. FPCC will provide cessation resources on campus, to include: smoking and smokeless tobacco quit kits, Quit Line information, and connect tobacco users to helpful online or in-person counseling services.

References

[The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General.](#)

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