

SUNY College of Optometry Tobacco-Free Policy

Purpose:

This tobacco-free policy has been developed to comply with the requirements of federal, state, city, and SUNY's initiative towards healthy living and a healthier NY. In addition, the policy is developed to promote a healthy, productive, respectful, safe, and sustainable environment and to protect all members of the College Community, including visitors and University Eye Center (UEC) patients, from secondhand smoke – an established cause of cancer and respiratory disease.

Policy:

Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited within the building and outside the building within the property line on sidewalks both at the 42nd and 43rd street sides of the building. In addition, as we focus on a tobacco-free environment any product that looks like a cigarette (including electronic cigarettes) or is used to inhale, smoke, or chew tobacco is included in this campus ban. No Smoking/Tobacco signs have been visibly posted at all points of entry into the College and prominent locations within the building.

Compliance:

This policy applies to all members of the College community and all persons coming into the College premises. The effective date is **March 1, 2017**. The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All students, faculty, and staff collectively share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Copies of this policy shall be distributed to all faculty, staff, and students.

Any person who violates this policy may be subject to corrective action through the established College procedure for handling work-related misconduct or Student Code of Conduct violations.

Smoking Cessation Opportunities:

The College encourages all smoking members of the College Community to quit smoking. Smoking cessation information is available from the [New York Smokers' Quit Line](#) at 1-866-NY QUILTS (1-866-697-8487), New York City 311, and or [Manhattan Smoke-Free Partnership](#) (646-619 6694).

Questions:

Any questions with regards to this smoke-free policy should be directed to the Environmental Health & Safety Office at 212 938 5581 or Committee on Health, Safety, & Energy Conservation at 212 938 5578.



Dr. David Heath, OD, EdM
President

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Date

DEFINITIONS:

A. "**Electronic Smoking Device**" means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

B. "**Smoking**" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Article.

C. "**Tobacco Product**" means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco or any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; it does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.