

Eastern Maine Community College

Tobacco Free Policy

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GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATIONS

Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC) joins the American College Health Association (ACHA) in support of the Surgeon General's findings that tobacco use in any form, active or passive, is a serious health hazard. EMCC also recognizes that second-hand smoke is classified as a Group A carcinogen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

This tobacco policy intends to support tobacco-free lifestyles at EMCC and to eliminate:

- * exposure to second-hand smoke
- * the risk of accidental fire
- * tobacco litter

This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors and visitors.

EMCC defines 'the use of tobacco' as the possession of any lighted tobacco products or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco. The use of tobacco products is not permitted on or in any college-owned: buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, recreational and sporting facilities, and college owned vehicles. The use of tobacco on campus is therefore prohibited everywhere.