

MECA Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus Policy

Background:

Maine College of Art is committed to providing a healthy learning and work environment. There is considerable evidence that smoke is harmful not only to smokers but also to non-smokers. Every student, employee, contractor/vendor, and visitor should be able to breathe clean air, as well as the right to avoid exposure to the effects of smoke and tobacco. MECA therefore established the following Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Policy.

Policy Statement:

MECA is a Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors. The use of tobacco and all tobacco products including non-FDA approved nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes is not permitted in any MECA owned or leased property or vehicles or within 20' of any building entrance, loading dock, or ventilation system.

Responsibilities:

It is the shared responsibility of all members of the campus community to respect and abide by the policy.

Administrators, deans, directors, supervisors, and event sponsors will communicate the policy within their areas of responsibility.

MECA will provide access to tobacco cessation resources to MECA students and employees.

Implementation:

The successful implementation of this policy depends on the courtesy and cooperation of the entire MECA community.

Signs will be posted at all buildings' entrances and displayed in prominent, visible areas to inform all individuals entering or occupying MECA property that the use of tobacco products are prohibited

The policy will be communicated in appropriate college publications and contracts. MECA publications include but are not limited to electronic notifications, handbooks, brochures, and other college generated material.