

TOBACCO FREE - SMOKE FREE

Kirkwood Community College is committed to providing its students, employees, partners, and visitors safe and healthy environments.

Tobacco/Nicotine products are a proven health and safety hazard, to the tobacco user and non-smokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke. In addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking contributes to institutional costs in other ways including fire damage, cleaning and maintenance costs and costs associated with employee absenteeism, health care and medical insurance.

Kirkwood Community College is committed to:

- Supporting tobacco/nicotine free campuses at all locations and partnering sites.
- Serving as a role model in the community by promoting a tobacco/nicotine-free environment.
- Assisting both students and employees who wish to quit using tobacco/nicotine products.

Tobacco/Nicotine use including electronic smoking devices, cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco/nicotine is prohibited. This is products up to and including the use of look-a-likes where the original would include tobacco or nicotine. Smoking is defined as the burning or inhaling of tobacco/nicotine or other matter that can be smoked or inhaled, or the inhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device.

The use of tobacco/nicotine products, which includes smokeless and smoking tobaccos/nicotines, is prohibited:

- In all areas within Kirkwood Community College buildings.
- On all property owned, leased or occupied by Kirkwood Community College.
- In all vehicles owned, leased or rented by the school.

This procedure applies to all employees, students, partners, and visitors.

All individuals in noncompliance of the Smoke Free Air Act will be considered in violation and subject to disciplinary action.

- No tobacco/nicotine products shall be sold or distributed on Kirkwood Community College property.
- Campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco/nicotine companies that promote use of their products.
- Tobacco/nicotine advertisements are prohibited in College-run publications and at any athletic or campus event.
- Signs stating that the entire campus is tobacco/nicotine free are prominently posted at all campus and building entrances and other conspicuous places.
- All Kirkwood Community College employees are authorized and encouraged to communicate and reinforce this procedure with courtesy and diplomacy to any person whom they see in violation. Individuals who refuse to comply should be reported to Public Safety.