WAC 132E-120-410 Tobacco use policy. The college's board of trustees has adopted the following tobacco use policy:

Everett Community College acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. The college further recognizes that environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Class A carcinogen.

In accordance with the Washington Clean Indoor Air Act of 1985 (chapter 70.160 RCW) and in recognition of the executive order establishing governor's policy on smoking in state facilities, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, smoking or other tobacco usage is not permitted within the perimeter of Everett Community College property, including usage in any vehicle parked on college property.

To achieve the goal of a healthy, tobacco-free environment, the following are also prohibited:

- (1) The use of other tobacco products, such as smokeless or chewing tobacco.
 - (2) The use of electronic cigarettes.
 - (3) The sale of tobacco products or tobacco related merchandise.
- (4) The free distribution (sampling) of tobacco products and associated products.
- (5) Sponsorship of campus events by organizations that promote tobacco use.
- (6) Advertisement of tobacco products at campus events regardless of sponsorship.

Tobacco cessation aids including, but not limited, to nicotine patches and nicotine gum are permissible.

Smoking may be permitted in a theatrical production when it is required in the script. In these circumstances, there must be an appropriate safe method of extinguishing any resultant fire readily available. Audiences must be notified that there will be smoking on stage.

Violations of the above policy may result in a fine and/or disciplinary action.

Definitions

"College property" includes all college sidewalks, parking lots, landscaped areas, recreational areas and buildings on Everett Community College property; the interior of all buildings located on the college property; and in any and all vehicles owned or operated by Everett Community College regardless of location.

"Improper disposal" includes, but is not limited to, spitting smokeless tobacco product, littering (i.e., discarded cigarette butts, throwing cigarette butts out of windows), leaving spit container, or anything that creates fire hazards.

"Smoking" includes the inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted smoking material, including cigarettes, cigars, or pipes.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 12-16-005, § 132E-120-410, filed 7/19/12, effective 8/19/12; WSR 00-17-015, § 132E-120-410, filed 8/3/00, effective 9/3/00.]