

WAC 504-37-020 Smoking and tobacco products. Washington State University Vancouver acknowledges the findings of the United States Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. The university further recognizes that the United States Environmental Protection Agency classifies environmental tobacco smoke as a class A carcinogen. In light of these health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning/working environment, WSU Vancouver establishes the restrictions in this section, WAC 504-37-010, and 504-37-030, otherwise collectively referred to as the WSU Vancouver smoking and tobacco use policy.

(1) Smoking or other tobacco usage is not permitted within the perimeter of WSU Vancouver property. Smoking materials must be extinguished and disposed of prior to entering WSU Vancouver property or exiting vehicles. Improper disposal, including spitting smokeless tobacco or discarding cigarette butts on the ground or out of a vehicle, is not permitted.

(2) The WSU Vancouver smoking and tobacco use policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff or other persons using university facilities.

(3) The WSU Vancouver smoking and tobacco use policy is not intended to impede on institutional review board (IRB) research projects. IRB-approved research projects are exempt from this policy.

(4) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms "tobacco products" and "premises" are defined as follows:

(a) Tobacco products. Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, all forms of smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, clove cigarettes and other alternative products made primarily with tobacco.

(b) Premises. All buildings, grounds, state-owned vehicles and equipment (motor pool, maintenance) including, but not limited to, parking lots, bus stops, county-owned and WSU-maintained streets or sidewalks, recreational fields and all open common areas within the WSU Vancouver campus.

(5) The sale and/or free distribution of tobacco products or tobacco-related merchandise is prohibited on university property.

(6) Sponsorship of campus events by tobacco-promoting organizations is prohibited.

(7) Advertisement of tobacco products at university events is prohibited regardless of sponsorship.

(8) Tobacco use on university property or improper disposal of smoking materials may result in disciplinary action. Employees may be subject to corrective or disciplinary action and students may be referred to the WSU Vancouver office of student conduct. Other violators may be trespassed from the WSU Vancouver campus and subject to other sanctions available to enforce the smoking and tobacco use policy.

(9) Signage: Signs declaring WSU Vancouver "tobacco-free" are to be posted at the campus entries and other conspicuous places.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150. WSR 13-24-029, § 504-37-020, filed 11/25/13, effective 12/26/13.]