

# TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When did the tobacco-free policy go into effect?  
*January 1, 2015 for all Elizabethtown Community & Technical College campuses*
2. What does tobacco-free mean?  
*The use of tobacco products of any kind is prohibited on all property owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by ECTC. This includes, but is not limited to, college buildings and structures, grounds, parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, and vehicles.*
3. Who is affected by this policy?  
*Respecting the policy is everyone's business and applies to all employees, visitors, students, vendors, and contractors.*
4. What is considered a tobacco product and therefore prohibited by the policy?  
*The following products considered prohibited include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, snus, water pipes, pipes, hookahs, chew, and any other non-combustible tobacco product.*
5. Can I use tobacco in my personal vehicle while on campus?  
*No. Tobacco use is prohibited in all ECTC operated parking areas, and when on ECTC property, both inside and outside of vehicles.*
6. Are other colleges tobacco-free?  
*Yes. All 16 colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System join the rest of colleges and universities in Kentucky and more than 1400 other [United States college and universities with smoke- or tobacco-free policies](#) (pdf).*
7. What should I say to someone who is violating the tobacco-free policy?  
*Faculty, staff, and students who see individuals using tobacco products on college property should respectfully inform these individuals of the policy prohibiting tobacco use anywhere on college grounds. Individuals who do not feel comfortable approaching someone violating the policy can notify the ECTC Office of Facilities & Operations by email @ [EL-TOBACCO-FREE@kctcs.edu](mailto:EL-TOBACCO-FREE@kctcs.edu).*
8. Why are e-cigarettes included in this policy?  
*The FDA has the authority to regulate e-cigarettes as a tobacco product. For more information on e-cigarettes: [http://tobaccofree.ucsc.edu/pdf-only/E-ciq%20Campus%20New%20Brief\\_v%203-30-14.pdf](http://tobaccofree.ucsc.edu/pdf-only/E-ciq%20Campus%20New%20Brief_v%203-30-14.pdf)*

9. How will the tobacco-free policy be enforced?

*As with other college policies, compliance is an expectation for all employees, students, and visitors. Initial enforcement will involve education, awareness, intervention and referral for smoking cessation support. Progressive disciplinary procedures will then be used as necessary and appropriate for violations. It should also be noted that it is considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Anyone with concerns regarding enforcement should contact the ECTC Office of Facilities & Operations by email @ [EL-TOBACCO-FREE@kctcs.edu](mailto:EL-TOBACCO-FREE@kctcs.edu).*

10. What resources are available to help those who would like to quit using tobacco?

*The following tobacco cessation resources and programs are available for employees and students:*

- <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/microsites/smokefreekentucky/>
- <http://www.tobaccofree.org/>
- <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/quidetoquittingsmoking/index?from=fast>

*The following tobacco cessation resource is available to all eligible employees who have enrolled in the Kentucky Employee's Health Plan:*

- <https://livingwell.ky.gov/pages/quitsmoking.aspx>