

TOBACCO/SMOKING USE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POSSESSION



INFORMATION

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POLICY STATEMENT

To promote a healthy and safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, Itawamba Community College strictly prohibits the use of all tobacco products, smoking materials, and electronic smoking or vaping devices on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the College. This includes, but is not limited to, all buildings, grounds, parking areas, walkways, athletic and recreational facilities, and College-owned or operated vehicles. This policy applies to all individuals on College property, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and visitors. Prohibited items and substances include, but are not limited to:

- Traditional tobacco products (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff)
- Electronic smoking devices (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, e-hookahs, vape pens, vaporizers)
- Any synthetic or plant-based substance intended for inhalation or smoking

POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

Due to the potential misuse of electronic smoking or vaping devices for the consumption of substances other than tobacco, the possession of such devices is strictly prohibited on all property owned, leased, or controlled by Itawamba Community College. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

- E-cigarettes
- Vape pens
- E-hookahs
- E-pipes
- Vaporizers
- Any other electronic device designed for inhaling vapor or aerosol

ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

All individuals are expected to comply with this policy. Violations will be addressed as follows:

- Students found in possession of prohibited items will be reminded of the policy and may be referred to the Office of the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Faculty and staff in violation may be referred to their immediate supervisor and subject to

disciplinary procedures as outlined in College policies and applicable employment guidelines.

- Visitors and third parties may be asked to leave College property if found in violation of this policy.

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Itawamba Community College is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its campus community. To assist individuals in complying with this policy and to support long-term wellness, the College provides access to educational materials and cessation resources related to tobacco and vaping.

- Students seeking support may contact the Office of the Vice President of Student Services for educational information and referrals to cessation programs.
- Faculty and staff may contact the Office of the Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for confidential assistance and information on available cessation support.
- The College may periodically offer educational programming, workshops, or awareness campaigns to support a tobacco- and vape-free environment.

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