



Policy No.	B.3.8
Title	Smoking on Campus (formerly VCC Smoke-Free)
Approval Body	President
Policy Sponsor	Vice President Administration & Chief Financial Officer
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CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Vancouver Community College (VCC; the College) is committed to ensuring a smoke-free environment, minimizing smoke from entering College buildings, and preventing people entering and exiting campuses from being affected by second hand smoke.

The purpose of this policy is to create an environment which sustains and enhances the general health and well-being of employees, students and visitors to the College.

SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to all persons while on VCC property, including students, employees, contractors and the public.

This policy does not apply to the use of smoking products for ceremonial use.

STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. Smoking on VCC property is restricted to Designated Smoking Areas.
2. Smoking on VCC Property in non-dedicated areas is prohibited at all times.
3. VCC supports the ceremonial use of tobacco or other substances, such as sage, sweet grass and cedar, in connection with Aboriginal cultural activities, as provided by the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act of BC (Section 2.3)*

DEFINITIONS

Ceremonial Use: The practice of cultural activities for the purposes of special events and/or learning, that involves the burning of substances such as sweet grass, cedar, sage, tobacco or other substances to produce smoke.

Designated Smoking Area: An area on the VCC premises specifically allocated for smoking and which is not within six metres measured on the ground from a point directly below any point of any opening into any building including any door or window that opens or any air intake, in a customer service area or within six meters of the perimeter of a customer service area.

Broadway Campus: The covered gazebo located along the walkway from between Buildings A and B and the east parking lot

Downtown Campus: The alcove behind the Learning Centre off Hamilton Street.

Annacis Island: The parking lot outside the 6 meter buffer zone around all entry points and air intakes.

Smoking: For the purposes of this policy, “smoking” shall mean:

- a. Carrying or placing of a smoking product in one’s mouth for the purpose of inhaling or exhaling smoke or vapor;
- b. Placing a smoking product in an ashtray or other receptacle, and allowing smoke to diffuse in the air;
- c. Carrying or placing a smoking product in one’s hands or any appendage or device and allowing smoke to diffuse in the air.

Smoking product: Refers, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or electronic smoking equipment, such as an e-cigarette, vapor pen, or the like, and all forms of tobacco, cloves, marijuana and any other products used for smoking, that are prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking.

VCC Property: A building or portion of a building of which the College has exclusive possession, including parking lots.

RELATED LEGISLATION & POLICIES

Legislation and Collective Agreements

WCB Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act

City of Vancouver Health By-law No. 9535

CUPE 4627 Collective Agreement

VCCFA Collective Agreement

Policies

A.3.6 Standards of Employee Conduct & Conflict of Interest

B.3.3 Rental of College Facilities

D.4.3 Student Code of Conduct (non-educational matters)

D.4.5 Student Educational Conduct

RELATED PROCEDURES

Refer to B.3.8 Smoking on Campus Procedures.