

Seymour Public Library District

Policy Title: Tobacco Free Policy
Policy Category: Public Space and Safety

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Seymour Public Library District is committed to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the visitors and employees by eliminating the use of tobacco products in and around its facility. This policy applies to all visitors, employees and volunteers.

Seymour Library recognizes that:

- The US Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke is harmful to human health.
- Visible tobacco use contributes to the social acceptability, normalization, and perceived prevalence of tobacco use, factors which promote youth initiation and impeded cessation.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discard on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and animals, and incurring costly litter cleanup.

Therefore, as Seymour Public Library adheres to all relevant state and local regulations, including Public Health Law §1399-o, tobacco use is prohibited in the building and on the grounds. This restriction includes the use of all forms of smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes/electronic vapor products, snuff, snus and chewing tobacco.

Local Compliance Procedures

- Signs clearly designating areas where tobacco use is prohibited will be posted.
- A copy of the tobacco-free policy will be distributed to all employees.
- Persons in violation of this policy will be informed of the policy and asked to move of library property.

Revision History

| Changes | Approved by | Date |
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| Adopted | Board of Trustees | 08/03/2021 |
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