

State of Iowa Department of Corrections Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To identify areas where tobacco can be used in the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC).

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the IDOC to promote a clean air environment and to protect the health and safety of staff, incarcerated individuals, and visitors. The IDOC shall restrict areas and circumstances where tobacco use is permitted.

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3. DEFINITIONS – As used in this document:

Smoking or using tobacco products means the carrying of or control over a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking equipment, or any oral use of tobacco products. This definition includes smoking E-cigarettes or chewing non tobacco type products, such as herbal snuff.

4. PROCEDURES

A. General

1. The hazards of tobacco use/smoking are well established by medical and public health authorities.
 - a. The risk posed to non-smokers by passive inhalation of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is of particular concern.
 - b. The Surgeon General of the United States has concurred with scientific research that indicates that involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers.
2. The IDOC has established a goal of creating a tobacco free/smoke-free workplace and clean air environment.
3. Tobacco Use/Smoking is not allowed in buildings.
4. Staff and incarcerated individuals may not use or possess tobacco in any institution, except for tobacco/herb mix used for Native American sweat lodge and pipe ceremonies.

B. Designated Smoking Areas for Staff

Institutions will designate a smoking area on institutional premises for employee use.

C. State-owned Motor Vehicles

Tobacco use/Smoking is prohibited in state-owned motor vehicles.