A. Background and Definitions

Niagara College is dedicated to the creating the best possible environment for the health and well-being of all individuals on Niagara College property, including college personnel, students and members of the general public.

Niagara College is committed to being in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (providing rules related to tobacco), Electronic Cigarettes Act, Tobacco and Vaping Act, the Cannabis Act, 2017 and their regulations.

The College recognizes that smoking of any substance may have adverse impacts for both users and non-users, and has cessation programs for users as well as procedures to protect non-users.

In addition, large smoking paraphernalia (over 12 inches in length) such as hookahs, water pipes and bongs are not permitted on Niagara College property.

**Designated Smoking Area:** specified areas on Niagara College property where smoking is permitted. These are the *only* areas where smoking is permitted.

**Electronic cigarettes (E-cigarettes):** means a vaporizer, inhalant device regardless of the name. A device that contains a power source and heating element designed to heat a substance, and produce a vapour intended to be inhaled by the user directly through the mouth.

**E-cigarette products:** any product that can be used in an e-cigarette device such as tobacco, synthetic liquids or herbs.

**Niagara College Property:** means all Niagara College owned, rented or leased property, as well as any Niagara College owned or leased vehicles.

**Smoking:** means inhaling, exhaling, burning, holding or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, cigarillo, e-cigarette, hookah or other apparatus used to smoke.
B. Purpose

To identify restrictions, main principles and responsibilities relating to tobacco, cannabis and smoking.

C. Policy Statements and Key Responsibilities

1. Although the Cannabis Act, 2017 has changed the legislation around cannabis, the smoking of cannabis on Niagara College’s campuses/sites is only permitted in the Designated Smoke Areas (DSAs).

2. Procedures are to incorporate, and be in compliance with, all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations pertaining to tobacco, e-cigarettes, cannabis, and their products, including but not limited to rules around smoking, sales and promotion.

3. Students must store their cannabis in air tight containers.

4. In addition, smoking of, tobacco and the use of e-cigarettes are only permitted in the DSAs.

5. Niagara College respects and honours Indigenous culture, and thus, Indigenous events, ceremonies, and cultural practices that involve smudging, as provided under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, will be supported. The use of four sacred medicines in connection with Indigenous spiritual practices at cultural and educational events, meetings, and relevant classroom presentations will also be supported.

6. Anyone found in violation of this policy and its related procedures may be subject to discipline under the College’s student conduct and human resources policies, and law enforcement agencies may be contacted when the conduct violates applicable laws.

D. Related Documents

Policy: NC800 Student Code of Conduct
POLICY GROUP: NC500 – Health, Safety & Security
POLICY TITLE: Tobacco, Cannabis & Smoking

Cannabis Act 2017 and regulations
Electronic Cigarettes Act
Tobacco and Vaping Act
Smoke-Free Ontario Act and regulations
Campus Maps: https://www.niagaracollege.ca/visit/

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