

Eastern Maine Community College

SMOKING POLICY 8.09

Eastern Maine Community College strives to provide a healthful, comfortable, and productive learning and work environment for its students, staff and faculty. The United States Surgeon General, in *The Health Effects of Involuntary Smoking*, concluded that: "Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers. The simple separation of smokers and non-smokers in the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke."

In light of these findings, all Eastern Maine Community College buildings shall be entirely smoke-free. Entrances to buildings are not designated smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of campus building entrance. Designated smoking areas are: in your personal vehicle, in the parking lot, or in a smoking hut. Smoking huts are located behind Maine Hall, between Schoodic and Penobscot Halls, and to the rear of Rangeley Hall.

Residents will be charged \$25.00 fine daily if they smoke in non-smoking areas.

The use of chewing tobacco is prohibited in all Eastern Maine Community College buildings.

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All persons in the community share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing the policy. If violations are observed, the person should first object directly to the violator. If there is not a complying response, a complaint should be filed with the violator's immediate supervisor or department chairperson.

