

NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT

York County Community College wishes to provide a healthful, comfortable and productive learning and working environment for its students, faculty, and staff. 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 nonsmokers. The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers in the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke. The use of chewing tobacco or like products is also prohibited in and around YCCC buildings.

In light of these findings, York County Community College shall be entirely smokefree. Anyone wishing to smoke must go to a designated smoking area outside the rear of the building. Access to the smoking area is through the doors past the Culinary 35 Lab on the first floor. Anyone wishing to smoke before the building opens up at 7:30 am is asked to do so in his or her automobile and not in front of the building.

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 Dean of Students.