



1.5.006 Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use

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I. PURPOSE and SCOPE

MSOE strives to provide a safe and healthy campus environment for all employees, students and visitors. Medical evidence clearly shows that smoking, vaping, and tobacco use are harmful to the health of individuals using those materials. Research also indicates that second-hand smoke is a health risk for nonsmokers. This policy prohibits smoking, vaping and tobacco use on MSOE's campus.

II. RELATED POLICIES

Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs and Controlled Substances, Staff Handbook

III. DEFINITIONS

Smoking: Smoking includes the act of lighting, smoking or carrying a lighted or smoldering cigar, cigarette or pipe of any kind.

Vaping: Vaping refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs, and e-cigars.

Examples of smoking, vaping, tobacco and tobacco/nicotine products that MSOE strictly prohibits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cigarettes (e.g. tobacco, clove)
 - Cigars and cigarillos
 - Pipes
 - Smokeless tobacco (e.g. spit and spit-less chew, pouches, snuff)
 - E-cigarettes/cigars
 - Vape pens (e.g. JUUL)
 - Hookahs
 - Other smoking/vaping-related devices or paraphernalia
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IV. POLICY STATEMENT

MSOE is a tobacco, smoking and vape-free campus and prohibits their use anywhere on campus. This includes every MSOE academic building and all instructional spaces, public gathering spaces, individual offices, university residences, athletic fields and outside spaces, parking facilities, and university vehicles.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin's current smoking and vaping ordinance prohibits smoking and vaping in enclosed public places and workplaces, as well as within 100 feet of entrances to these establishments.

V. PROCEDURE

None

VI. EXCEPTIONS

Nicotine replacement therapy, which is designed to assist tobacco users to quit, does not apply.

VII. APPENDICES

None

VIII. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS/ACCREDITATION STANDARD

[Milwaukee Smoking and Vaping Ordinance](#)

This section to be completed by the Records Manager:

Due date for review

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Public Location

MSOE Policy Library, Staff Handbook

Version History

- **2026, July 14:** Updated title, prohibited smoking/vaping/tobacco use entirely and removed smoking areas, clarified definition of smoking/vaping, added exception for nicotine replacement therapy, added Milwaukee smoking ordinance information.
- **2025, February 21:** Added vaping to the policy, adjusted definition of smoking.
- **2014, September 1:** Smoking prohibited by building entranceways and designated smoking areas established. Information about residence hall smoking removed.
- **2004, February 2:** Initial approval (refers mostly to residence halls)

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