

Town of Winhall Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Name:

The name of the policy is the Town of Winhall Smoking and Tobacco Policy.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Town of Winhall Smoking and Tobacco Policy is to comply with the provisions of 18 VSA 1421, et seq.,

Goal:

The goal of the Town of Winhall Smoking and Tobacco Policy is to protect workers by prohibiting smoking and use of smokeless tobacco products in the workplace.

To help meet the goal of a smoke and tobacco free workplace, the Town of Winhall has established a Safety/Wellness Committee.

Findings by the United States Surgeon General, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control:

The United States Surgeon General, in his 1986 report on Involuntary Smoking, concluded:

- Involuntary Smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers;
- The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- In 1993, the (EPA) classified environmental tobacco smoke as a Group A carcinogen, that is, a substance known to cause cancer in humans.
- The EPA recognizes no safe level of exposure for Group A carcinogens.

The Centers for Disease Control:

- Centers for Disease Control stated; “smokeless tobacco is a significant health risk and is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes”.
- Smokeless tobacco contains 28 cancer-causing agents (carcinogens).
- Smokeless tobacco is a known cause of human cancer, as it increases the risk of developing cancer of the oral cavity, other oral health problems, and can lead to nicotine addiction and dependence.

Restrictions of smoking and smokeless tobacco:

In light of the findings mentioned, the Town of Winhall shall be entirely smoke and tobacco free. Smoking and use of smokeless tobacco products is strictly prohibited within all Town of Winhall owned vehicles, all property owned or leased by the Town, and within all Town of Winhall facilities.

Policy application:

This policy applies to all employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, contractors, and visitors. Smoking and use of smokeless tobacco products may not occur outside any enclosed area located on Town property to insure that environmental tobacco smoke does not enter Town of Winhall facilities, or that smoke/smokeless tobacco products do not soil the general area.



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