

Model Tobacco-Free Policy for Recreational Settings

Purpose

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report of 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency of 1992, the South Carolina Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990, and the Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings. This recreational setting, _____ will provide a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free environment.

Goals

The goal of this policy is to provide and enforce a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all park patrons, management, employees, and contractors within its facilities, vehicles, grounds, playing fields, and at all sponsored events. This goal will be achieved by the leadership/management being supportive in:

- Exhibiting healthy behavior;
- Providing appropriate tobacco cessation educational materials for employees; and
- Providing access to cessation counseling and/or referral services for employees.

Procedures

- Prohibit the use and/or sale of all tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and snuff on facilities, grounds, vehicles.
- Ensure that tobacco use prevention programs and cessation services/referrals are an integral part of its human services, and health/wellness initiatives.
- Provide assistance to employees for cessation services/referrals as deemed appropriate on an individual basis.
- Display appropriate signage in all areas (facilities, grounds, and vehicles), and provide policy in writing (contracts, orientation manuals, performance evaluations, sports registration forms, coaching contracts, etc.).

Enforcement

This recreational facility, _____ will enforce this policy by determining appropriate disciplinary actions for violators (employees, contractors, and park patrons). Actions may be inclusive of the following:

- Employees: verbal reprimands, written notification placed in personnel file, suspension, and mandatory enrollment in a tobacco education program or voluntary enrollment in a cessation program.
- Contractors: written notification of policy violation, possible cancellation of contracts, request to leave property.
- Park Patrons: verbal requests to not use tobacco products, request to leave property, prosecution for disorderly conduct after repeated offenses, and possible loss of facility privileges.

Education and Assistance

As a recreational facility, leadership/management will be responsible for educating employees, contractors and visitors about the new policy and provide assistance for compliance.

Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship

This recreational facility, _____ will not accept any contributions or gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry or related companies. Also, this will not participate in any type of functions that are funded by the tobacco industry.

In addition, any gear or clothing that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on playing fields.