

## SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

Converse College seeks to provide a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment in which all members of our campus community can live and work. Converse College and The American College Health Association support the findings of the Surgeon General and acknowledge that any form of tobacco use, whether active or passive, is a significant health hazard. The Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health have both classified second-hand smoke as a known carcinogen (cancer causing). The College realizes that a smoke and tobacco-free environment is a goal we can achieve, through intentional and positive steps to ensure a healthier environment. In pursuit of this goal, Converse College became a tobacco-free campus effective August 1, 2012.

- I. Use of any tobacco products is prohibited on all College property. "College property" includes all buildings, facilities, grounds and spaces leased, owned or controlled by the Converse College whether or not signs are posted. This includes, but is not limited to: buildings on college-owned land, offices, classrooms, meeting rooms, laboratories, residential rooms and apartments, elevators, stairwells, balconies, decks, restrooms, bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking structure/areas/lots, hallways, outdoor passageways and entrances, lobbies, common areas and athletic venues, including those with outdoor fixed seating.
- II. No ashtrays, receptacles or smoking shelters will be permitted.
- III. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in college-owned, operated or leased vehicles.
- IV. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in personal vehicles parked on College property.
- V. **"Tobacco and smoking products" include** all tobacco-derived or containing products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes (e.g. clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, cigars and cigarillos, pipes, water pipes, smokeless tobacco products or substitutions (spit and spit-less, chew, pouches, snuff) or any other device intended to simulate smoked tobacco. This does not apply to nicotine replacement therapy, which is designed to assist tobacco users to quit tobacco.
- VI. The sale or advertisement of tobacco and smoke products is prohibited on campus and in all College publications.
- VII. Enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of all members of the Converse community. Faculty, staff and students are expected to uphold and enforce the policy for the health and safety of our campus.
- VIII. Campus Safety Officers may issue a citation for use of tobacco products in violation of this policy with fine of \$25 when a violation is noted. Continual violations of the policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products may result in disciplinary action.
  - A. Failure on the part of faculty or staff to abide by the policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products may result in administrative action up to and including discharge.
  - B. Failure on the part of students to follow the policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products may result in a violation adjudicated by the appropriate board or administrative sanctioning, which could include but is not limited to community service, monetary fines, and/or suspension from the College.
  - C. Visitors to the campus who repeatedly violate the policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products may be asked to leave College property.
- IX. All campus event organizers should inform, and advertise to outside groups that "*Converse College is a Tobacco Free campus.*"
- X. The provisions of this policy apply 24 hours a day, seven days a week to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, volunteers, contractors and vendors unless otherwise noted.