



## TOBACCO USE POLICY

Wadsworth Library is committed to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the visitors and employees and/or volunteers by eliminating the use of tobacco products in and around its facility.

Wadsworth Library recognizes that:

- The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke is harmful to human health.
- Visible tobacco use contributes to the social acceptability, normalization, and perceived prevalence of tobacco use, factors which promote youth initiation and impede cessation.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and animals, and incurring costly litter cleanup.

Therefore, Wadsworth Library prohibits tobacco use in the building and on the grounds. This restriction includes the use of all forms of smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes/electronic vapor products, snuff, snus and chewing tobacco.

This policy applies to all visitors, employees and volunteers.

Wadsworth Library adheres to all relevant state and local regulations, including Public Health Law §1399-o.

### LOCAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- Signs clearly designating areas where tobacco use is prohibited will be posted.
- A copy of the tobacco-free policy will be distributed to all employees.
- Employees shall advise their guests of the tobacco-free policy.
- Persons in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the premises.

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