

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

**HEALTH AND SAFETY
Section 806**

SUBJECT: SMOKING AND OTHER USE OF TOBACCO

PURPOSE: To establish rules governing the use of tobacco on M CCS property

A. Purpose

For the reasons underlying 22 M.R.S.A. §1542 and §1580-A, M CCS adopts this policy regarding the use of tobacco on property owned or operated by M CCS in order to protect employees, students and members of the public from the detrimental effects of smoke and other residues of tobacco use.

B. Definitions

For purposes of this policy:

1. “Tobacco” means a cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off tobacco smoke, as well as chewing tobacco and other tobacco products; and
2. “M CCS property” means any land, building or space owned or operated by M CCS, including vehicles owned by the M CCS or the State of Maine.

C. Prohibitions

Pursuant to state law, smoking is prohibited within at least 20 feet from a building entrance, vent or door. M CCS further authorizes the colleges to prohibit smoking and other uses of tobacco in M CCS buildings and on M CCS property.

D. Posting

Each college shall post its smoking and tobacco policy.

E. Other

Consistent with 22 M.R.S.A. §1580-A(3), nothing in this policy shall be construed to subject M CCS to any additional liability, other than liability that may exist by law, for harm to an employee from smoking by others on any M CCS property covered by this policy.

REFERENCES: 20-A M.R.S.A. §12706 (1), (11) and (13); and 22 M.R.S.A. §1542 and §1580-A

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