



**Minnesota**  
STATE COLLEGES  
& UNIVERSITIES

## Smoking Policies

Under the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, smoking has been prohibited in public places, except in designated smoking areas and for a few other exceptions, since it was enacted in 1975. In recent years, many of the 32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities have been adopting more restrictions on smoking and tobacco use. Some institutions are tobacco free. This is part of a national trend.

On March 17, 2010, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution encouraging each college and university to consult with students, faculty and staff about further restricting tobacco use on the system's 54 campuses.

In Minnesota, the impetus for placing more restrictions on smoking has often come from students. For example, students at Vermilion Community College circulated a petition to eliminate smoking from the classroom building entrance, signed students up for a smoking cessation support group, handed out "Quit Kits" they created for smokers and helped students participate in the great American Smoke Out. At Minnesota State University, Mankato, the Student Senate passed a resolution asking the administration to adopt more smoking restrictions, and the university complied.

Before deciding to become smokefree, Minnesota State University Moorhead officials surveyed students and employees. The survey showed most students and employees recognize smoking and secondhand smoke are health issues, that the number one place that students and employees are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke is on the campus, and that most students and employees supported a smoke-free campus. Below is a rundown of smoking policies as supplied by the campuses.

### **Anoka Technical College**

Use of any tobacco product is banned in buildings and college vehicles. Smoking is allowed in one designated area outside.

### **Alexandria Technical College**

Use of all tobacco products is prohibited in all campus buildings and college vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited outdoors, except in designated areas. Revised 2006.

### **Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge, Coon Rapids**

Use of tobacco is banned in buildings. Outside, smoking is permitted only at three designated building entrances on the Cambridge campus and six on the Coon Rapids campus.

### **Bemidji State University**

Smoking is not permitted in residence halls and campus buildings or allowed within 15 feet of building entrances and in university vehicles.

### **Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Staples**

Smoking and tobacco use are banned inside buildings. Smoking is allowed in designated outdoor areas near certain building entrances, in campus parking lots and on-street parking areas.

### **Century College, White Bear Lake**

Smoking is banned indoors and outdoors, except for a few designated outdoor areas. Policy took effect 2002.

### **Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount**

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, smoking and smokeless tobacco use are prohibited in and on all college-owned, -operated or -leased properties and grounds, and all college-owned, -operated or -leased vehicles and equipment by employees, students or visitors.

### **Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, Cloquet**

No smoking is allowed inside any campus buildings, including dormitories and vehicles. A few designated entrances are smoke-free areas.

### **Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie, Brooklyn Park**

Smoking is banned in the building and on the campus, except for two designated areas on each campus.

### **Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights**

Use of all tobacco products is prohibited in college buildings and in college-owned or -leased vehicles. Smoking is restricted to designated outdoor areas.

### **Lake Superior College, Duluth**

All forms of tobacco use are banned on campus.

### **Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minneapolis**

Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings and is banned outside, except in a few designated areas.

### **Minneapolis Community & Technical College**

Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings and is allowed outside in six designated smoking areas. Sanctions for violating this policy may include fines and/or disciplinary actions. Adopted 2004.

**Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical**, Red Wing, Winona

The college provides a tobacco-free environment in all buildings and college vehicles. Use of tobacco products is not permitted within 75 feet of buildings except in designated areas. Revised 2004.

**Minnesota State Community & Technical College**, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Wadena

Use of tobacco products on the premises of college facilities is prohibited except in designated outdoor areas. Use of tobacco products in college- or state-owned vehicles is also prohibited.

**Minnesota West Community & Technical College**, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, Worthington

Smoking and tobacco use are banned in indoor areas of the college. Some campuses have designated outdoor smoking areas. Worthington is a tobacco-free campus.

**Minnesota State University, Mankato**

Effective July 1, 2006, smoking is prohibited in all facilities, in leased- or owned vehicles and at designated smoke-free entrances. At all other building entrances, smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of the entrances.

**Minnesota State University Moorhead**

As of Jan. 1, 2008, smoking, tobacco use and tobacco sales (including the use or sale of smokeless tobacco products) are prohibited on university-owned, -operated or -leased property, and in university-owned, -operated or -leased vehicles.

**Normandale Community College**, Bloomington

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and college-owned vehicles. Smoking is only allowed in two designated outside areas. Use of chewing tobacco is prohibited in all areas.

**North Hennepin Community College**, Brooklyn Park

In accordance with the Minnesota Clean Air Act, no one is allowed to smoke in any college building or enclosed walkway. Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**Northeast Higher Education District  
Hibbing Community College**

Use of tobacco is banned in all buildings and campus vehicles, but allowed outside in designated areas.

**Northeast Higher Education District**

**Itasca Community College**, Grand Rapids

As of Jan. 1, 2008, smoking and tobacco use are prohibited on college property and in college vehicles.

**Northeast Higher Education District**

**Mesabi Range Community & Technical College**, Eveleth, Virginia

All facilities and vehicles are tobacco free, except in a few designated smoking areas outside the building. Smoking or chewing tobacco is prohibited at all times. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion.

**Northeast Higher Education District**

**Rainy River Community College**, International Falls

Effective Feb. 1, 2008, smoking or use of smokeless tobacco products is prohibited on college property including all grounds, the residence hall and college vehicles. Individuals may use tobacco in their private motor vehicles. Policy exception does not apply to specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 2 USC, sections 1996 and 1996a. All exceptions must be approved by the provost in advance.

**Northeast Higher Education District**

**Vermilion Community College**, Ely

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and is limited to three entrances to the campus and a few designated areas outside residence halls.

**Northland Community & Technical College**, East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls

Use of tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, is prohibited in college facilities and state vehicles. Use of tobacco products is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**Northwest Technical College**, Bemidji

Use of tobacco products on the college campus is prohibited. Tobacco use in college- or state-owned vehicles is also prohibited. Policy took effect August 2004.

**Pine Technical College**, Pine City

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and outside, except for one designated outdoor area.

**Ridgewater College**, Hutchinson, Willmar

Effective fall 2008, all buildings and college property are tobacco free. Tobacco use in vehicles and equipment owned or leased by the college is also prohibited. Tobacco use in private vehicles in college parking areas is permitted.

**Riverland Community College**, Albert Lea, Austin, Owatonna

The use of tobacco products, including chewing tobacco, by students, employees and visitors in the college buildings and college motor vehicles is prohibited. Use of tobacco products is allowed outside in designated building entrances.

**Rochester Community & Technical College**

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, smoking, tobacco use, and tobacco sales (including the use or sale of smokeless tobacco products) are prohibited on college-owned, -operated, or -leased property, including all college-owned vehicles.

**Saint Paul College**

Smoking is prohibited in any buildings owned or leased by the college or at any college-sponsored educational program, activity or event regardless of its location. A designated smoking area is located outdoors at the east end of the building.

**South Central College, Faribault, North Mankato**

As of July 1, 2010, smoking, tobacco use and tobacco sales (including the use or sales of smokeless tobacco products) are prohibited on college-owned, -operated, or -leased property.

**St. Cloud State University**

Smoking is banned inside buildings, but allowed outside in designated smoking areas.

**St. Cloud Technical & Community College**

As of July 1, 2010, this is a tobacco-free campus.

**Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall**

Smoking in all buildings managed or leased by Southwest Minnesota State University is prohibited. Smoking is permitted in residence halls under the guidelines of the Minnesota Clean Air Act.

**Winona State University**

Effective Jan. 12, 2009, use of tobacco products will be prohibited on the campus.

**Resources****Surgeon General's Report on Secondhand Smoke**

[www.hhs.gov/news/press/2006pres/20060627.html](http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2006pres/20060627.html)

**Minnesota Department of Education**

[www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mciaa/school.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mciaa/school.html)

**Minnesota Smoke Free Coalition**

[www.smokefreecoalition.org/](http://www.smokefreecoalition.org/)

**American Cancer Society** has a smoke-free campus initiative

[www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/content/div\\_NE/COM\\_4\\_2x\\_Smoke-Free\\_New\\_England.asp?sitearea=COM](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/content/div_NE/COM_4_2x_Smoke-Free_New_England.asp?sitearea=COM)

**Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act**, 144.411 to 144.417

[ros.leg.mn/bin/getpub.php?type=s&num=144.414&year=2006](http://ros.leg.mn/bin/getpub.php?type=s&num=144.414&year=2006).

**Minnesota Rules Parts** 4620.044

[www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/4620/0400.html](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/4620/0400.html)

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