

GENERAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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I. POLICY

Smoking is harmful to those who smoke and under certain conditions is harmful to non-smokers who are in close contact with those who smoke. Accordingly, the Department is committed to protecting the health, environment, and comfort of the public and our members by prohibiting smoking in all Department facilities, vehicles, and other areas described in this order.

II. DEFINITIONS

When used in this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated:

1. Electronic smoking device – any product, including one composed of a heating element, battery, or electronic circuit, that contains or delivers nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term "electronic smoking device" includes any such product, regardless of whether it is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, or by any other product name or descriptor (D.C. Official Code § 7-741.01(1)).
2. Department facility – building that is used by the Department either in whole or in part to conduct police business.
3. Department vehicle – vehicle owned or leased by the Department that is used by members, including tactical vehicles, aircraft, and marine vessels.

4. "Smoking" or "smoke" – the inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, electronic smoking device, or any other tobacco or plant product intended for human consumption through inhalation, in any manner or in any form (D.C. Official Code § 7-741.01(4)).


III. REGULATIONS

- A. Smoking is prohibited in Department facilities, Department vehicles, and within 50 feet of entrances to Department facilities.
- B. Members **shall not** smoke:
 1. Whether on or off duty while:
 - a. In uniform and in view of the public;
 - b. In Department vehicles; or
 - c. In Department facilities or within 50 feet of entrances to Department facilities.
 2. While on duty in any public facilities.
 3. Inside private residences while conducting official police business.

IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Director of the Medical Services Division shall:
 1. Provide a smoker's education program. The program shall address the following:
 - a. Methods of smoking cessation;
 - b. Quitting tips;
 - c. Weight gain after quitting;
 - d. How to handle relapses;
 - e. The health consequences of smoking;
 - f. The health benefits of smoking cessation; and
 - g. Withdrawals symptoms.

2. Work with the Clinic Medical Director to develop a protocol for a smoking cessation program when the use of medication is indicated for member seeking medical assistance to stop smoking.
3. Develop a resource list of organizations and government agencies that provide information and assistance to members who wish to quit smoking.



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