

Chattahoochee Technical College

TOBACCO USE POLICY

Chattahoochee Technical College has a responsibility to its employees, students and visitors to provide a safe and healthy environment. Research findings show that tobacco use in general, including smoking and breathing secondhand smoke, constitutes a significant health hazard. In addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking contributes to institutional costs in other ways including fire damage, cleaning and maintenance costs, and costs associated with employee absenteeism, health care and medical insurance.

This tobacco use policy seeks to guarantee non-smokers the right to work in air free of tobacco smoke, while also taking into account the needs of those who use tobacco products.

The following policy regarding use of all tobacco products has been established:

For the purposes of this policy, use of tobacco products is defined as the burning of any type of tobacco product and the use of smokeless tobacco products.

- Use of tobacco products is prohibited in all campus buildings, breezeways and campus vehicles.
- Use of tobacco products is permitted in outside designated areas as designated by the college and in enclosed personal vehicles.
- All designated tobacco use areas shall be clearly marked with signage.
- All faculty, staff, students and visitors of Chattahoochee Technical College will abide by this policy. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events and cultural events, using Chattahoochee Technical College facilities will be required to abide by the college Tobacco Use Policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy. Failure to communicate and adhere to this policy may result in limited or prohibited usage of CTC facilities.

Designated Areas:

Designated tobacco use areas will be determined by the Chattahoochee Technical College Administration and will be posted in the appropriate areas.

Enforcement:

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to directly and politely inform those unaware of the policy. If this effort is unsuccessful, the individual in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. An employee will be subject to disciplinary actions as defined by CTC Employment Policy. A student will be subject to college disciplinary procedures where sanctions are possible. Others may have limited or prohibited usage of college facilities.

When observed, campus officers will approach those that are not in compliance, ask that they comply, and answer questions regarding the policy. Campus officers will not discuss the fairness of the policy. Violators may be charged with applicable state and/or county ordinances. Campus officers will not respond to anonymous calls reporting Tobacco Use Policy violators.