

Smoking Policy Effective September 2002

Providence College Policy on Smoking

Effective September 1, 2002, and as required by law, smoking is prohibited in all College owned and operated buildings and vehicles, including residence halls and apartments. This policy applies to the entire College community, including faculty, staff, students and visitors.

The Rhode Island state law specifies the parameters for a smoke free campus.

- Smoking is permitted outdoors in designated smoking areas. Designated smoking areas must be at a distance of 20 feet or greater from any entrance or air intake vent. Receptacles for waste will be provided in designated smoking locations. Faculty, staff, and students are expected to use the receptacles and to not litter the campus.
- The sale and marketing of cigarettes and other tobacco products is prohibited on campus.
- Smoking is defined as the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other type of material.

Successful implementation of the policy relies on the thoughtfulness and cooperation of our College community members to observe and follow the legal requirements. Administrative officers and the Office of Safety and Security will be responsible for enforcing the smoke free policy among staff and faculty. The Discipline Office, the Office of Safety and Security and the Office of Residence Life will be responsible for enforcing the smoke free policy among students. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action including fines and, in the case of students, the referral to the appropriate authority for sanctions.