



## **Tobacco-Free Environment**

### **Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington**

**Main Campus | Indiana Center for the Life Sciences | Ivy Tech Waldron | Liberty Drive | Liberty Crossing**

**Effective August 4, 2009**

Smoking or any form of tobacco use is prohibited in all college owned or leased facilities and vehicles, including surrounding areas of the buildings, except within student-, staff-, or visitor-owned automobiles located in college parking lots. The sale or distribution of tobacco products and the sponsorship of college events, activities, or media by tobacco-related products likewise are prohibited.

Individuals using tobacco products in personal vehicles must extinguish and dispose of tobacco debris in the car ashtray or other container in the car before exiting the vehicle.

#### **Q & A**

##### **What prompted Ivy Tech-Bloomington to become tobacco-free?**

- An overall desire to create a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the Ivy Tech-Bloomington campus and facilities. This includes concern about the effects of secondary smoke exposure on nonsmokers. A report issued June 27, 2006, by U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona finds that exposure to secondary smoke at any level poses a health risk to nonsmokers.
- Community efforts to eliminate tobacco use in public settings, particularly the ban on smoking in Monroe County.
- The substantial maintenance costs associated with removing cigarette debris and tobacco residue from buildings and grounds.

##### **Where can people smoke or otherwise use tobacco products?**

The college has not prohibited the use of tobacco products in privately owned vehicles parked on college property. People choosing to smoke in privately owned vehicles are to be considerate of others using the Ivy Tech parking lot by:

- Extinguishing smoking materials and disposing of tobacco debris in the car ashtrays or other containers before exiting the vehicle.
- Keeping car doors and windows closed and rolled up while using tobacco.

Failure to comply with the above will result in disciplinary action against the individual tobacco user and, if violations are widespread, a ban on the use of tobacco products anywhere on college-owned or leased property, including inside personal vehicles.

**What college sites are included in the tobacco ban?**

Owned and leased facilities included are:

- Main Campus at 200 Daniels Way
- Indiana Center for the Life Sciences at 501 N. Profile Pkwy.
- Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center at 122 S. Walnut St.
- Liberty Location at 1907 S. Liberty Dr.
- Liberty Crossing at 2100 S. Liberty Dr.

**How will the tobacco ban be enforced?**

Like any other rule infraction. Faculty and staff violating the ban are subject to the progressive discipline process outlined in the statewide Employee Handbook. Students are subject to the disciplinary actions outlined in the Ivy Tech-Bloomington Student Handbook. Visitors violating the ban may be escorted off of Ivy Tech property and prohibited from returning.

**What should I do if I see someone violating the tobacco ban?**

If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to give the violator a courteous reminder of the ban. Faculty, staff and students are reminded that every individual, whether tobacco-user or nonuser, should be accorded dignity and respect. Therefore, harassment or intimidation of violators is never appropriate, and is subject to disciplinary measures by the college. Contact a campus security official or campus Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs if:

- You are not comfortable reminding the violator yourself and wish to report the offense.
- The violator is a frequent offender.
- The violator is discourteous or defiant.