



Tobacco Use Policy

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The Walworth-Seely Public Library is committed to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the visitors and employees and/or volunteers by eliminating the use of tobacco products in and around its facility.

The Walworth-Seely Public Library recognizes that:

- The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke is harmful to human health.
- Visible tobacco use contributes to the social acceptability, normalization, and perceived prevalence of tobacco use, factors which promote youth initiation and impede cessation.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and animals, and incurring costly litter cleanup.

Therefore, the Walworth-Seely Public Library prohibits tobacco use in the building and on the grounds. This restriction includes the use of all forms of smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes/electronic vapor products, snuff, snus and chewing tobacco.

This policy applies to all visitors, employees and volunteers.

The Walworth-Seely Public Library adheres to all relevant state and local regulations, including Public Health Law §1399-o, which prohibits smoking within 100 feet of any entrances, exits, or outdoor areas of any public library in NYS.

LOCAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- Signs clearly designating areas where tobacco use is prohibited will be posted.
- A copy of the tobacco-free policy will be distributed to all employees.
- Employees shall advise their guests of the tobacco-free policy.
- Person in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the premises.

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