

Effective July 1, 2015, smoking is prohibited at all property, grounds, and facilities owned or operated by Southeastern Illinois College.

In accordance with the Smoke-Free Campus Act (the “Act”), which prohibits smoking at any public university or community college; smoking is prohibited at Southeastern Illinois College. Pursuant to the Act, smoking is prohibited on all College property, including buildings, grounds, parking lots, and vehicles owned or operated by the College.

“Smoking” means the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, electronic cigarettes, marijuana, water pipes, bong, or other lighted smoking equipment, including products containing or delivering tobacco, nicotine, or marijuana. “Smoke or “smoking” does not include smoking that is associated with a native recognized religious ceremony, ritual, or activity by American Indians that is in accordance with the federal American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42 of the United States Code.

No tobacco or marijuana products may be sold or given out as complimentary items on Campus. Signs will be posted at all main entrances clearly indicating that smoking is not allowed on College property or in College-owned vehicles.

This policy covers students, employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, visitors, members of the public, and any other guests of the College. The College may refer students who violate this policy to the Executive Dean of Student Services for disciplinary procedures pursuant to the Student Handbook, and College employees may be subject to discipline pursuant to the policies and procedures applicable to their employment. Violators will be disciplined through regular administrative channels within their division at the College.

Other disciplinary actions may follow up to and include discharge.

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Legal Ref: Senate Bill 500, Smoke-Free Act, (410 ILCS 82/1 *et seq.*) January 1, 2008

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