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Becoming a Tobacco-Free Learning Community



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On November 15, 2013, GTC will start becoming a tobacco-free learning community.

Presentation Overview:

- Becoming a Tobacco-Free Learning Community
- Policy
- Tobacco Use Areas
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Tobacco-Free Information and Resources



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Why Tobacco Free?

- Wellness – Working and Learning
- Support GTC's mission
- Provide a healthy environment for students, employees and visitors



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What is the Policy?

- Tobacco use is prohibited in all defined locations/areas at all times.
- Includes any product made of tobacco, plus electronic smoking products.
- Policy is applicable to all college-owned or leased buildings, vehicles and green spaces.
- Designated limited smoking areas are available in remote parking areas at some locations.

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Compliance & Enforcement

- Compliance of the policy and ordinance resides with everyone. Campus Police has jurisdiction to enforce GTC Policy.
- Voluntary compliance will be sought by means of publicity, education programs and the issuance of warnings, where appropriate.
- Monetary fines and eventual disciplinary action
- (employees and students) for offenses.
- Cessation program information and other resources are available for students and employees.

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Key Words for Key Moments

Promoting Compliance via Scripting

If you see a person using tobacco on GTC property:

- Be polite and friendly
- Assume that the person does not know about the policy
- Explain that tobacco use is not permitted on GTC property
- Offer an information card

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Scripting will ensure that the message is firm, polite and compassionate. Here are few examples:

- **If you see someone using tobacco products:**

"Excuse me, you may not be aware, we are a tobacco-free campus....meaning that tobacco products are prohibited on GTC property, grounds, and parking areas. Thank you for your cooperation."

- **I have to have a cigarette! I am dealing with something very stressful.**

"I am very sorry to hear about your situation. How can I help you through this stressful time while still respecting the Tobacco-Free policy of this college?"

- **Where am I allowed to smoke?**

"Smoking and other tobacco products are not allowed anywhere on the GTC campus, with the exception of a few designated areas. Here is a map that highlights these areas."

- **If the person using tobacco becomes hostile:**

Walk away and contact security.

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Maintaining Compliance

- Compliance must go hand-in-hand with compassion.
- It takes everyone! All employees are encouraged to assist by:
 - Informing people of the policy with courtesy and respect
 - Emphasizing education and support
 - Using best judgment in tragic and stressful situations
- If the person refuses to comply and becomes hostile, simply walk away and contact Campus Police for assistance.

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Smoking Cessation Resources

Greenville Tech will provide tobacco cessation programs and other resources to students and employees interested in stopping tobacco use. More information will become available on GTC4me as it becomes available.

- [Greenville Health System QuitWell Program and Support Group](#)
 - 864-455-WELL
- [SC DHEC](#)
 - Or 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- American Cancer Society
 - www.cancer.org
- [American Lung Association](#)
 - Talk to an expert
 - 1-800-LUNG-USA <http://www.cancer.org> Live Chat Send an Email
- Additional information
 - [What happens from 20 minutes to 15 years AFTER you quit smoking?](#)
 - [What does smoking do to your body?](#)

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To Learn More...

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www.gvltec.edu/tobaccofree

