

Iowa Cancer Consortium Tobacco-free/Nicotine-free Events Policy



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This policy establishes a tobacco-free and nicotine-free environment for all Events organized, operated or owned by the Iowa Cancer Consortium. In addition to requiring all Iowa Cancer Consortium events to be tobacco- and nicotine-free, the Iowa Cancer Consortium refuses to accept Tobacco Industry sponsorship.

II. Definitions

Whenever the following words are used in this policy, they will be understood to mean:

- a. *Event*: Any organized activity that is sponsored or operated either totally or in part by the Iowa Cancer Consortium and over which it has control or responsibility. This definition includes activities related to the scheduled Event itself as well as Event set-up and take-down.
- b. *Event Site*: The entire physical area in which an Event is being staged and over which the Iowa Cancer Consortium has control or responsibility. The Event Site includes all open, semi-open, and enclosed spaces and structures, including, for example: parking lots, loading docks, exhibit halls or vendor booths, conference rooms, dining areas, bathrooms, performance stages, sports or other recreational areas or facilities, pedestrian walkways or pathways, and roads accessible to motorized vehicles.

III. Policy

- a. Tobacco and nicotine use, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) and nicotine products that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for tobacco cessation is prohibited at all times on event grounds. This policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, board members, event participants and the general public while on event grounds.
- b. Tobacco-free Sponsorship: Iowa Cancer Consortium will not accept charitable funding, donations or underwriting in the form of cash, in-kind or planned giving from any organization specified as a member or part of the Tobacco industry. The Iowa Cancer Consortium will neither solicit nor accept money from any member or part of the Tobacco industry.

IV. Enforcement

- a. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
- b. The community, especially event attendees and staff, will be notified about this policy.
- c. It is the responsibility of staff, board members, and other Iowa Cancer Consortium representatives or their designee(s) to provide enforcement.



- d. Any person found violating this policy will be asked to refrain from tobacco and nicotine use or risk immediate ejection from the grounds.

V. State and Local Laws

This Tobacco-free Event Policy is in addition to Smoking Prohibited by Law-Iowa Code 142D, which prohibits smoking in enclosed common areas within common-use buildings, other common use meeting rooms, lounges, hallways, restrooms, elevators, stairways and stairwells, and vehicles owned, leased or provided by the owner/manager.

VI. Policy Contact Information

For questions about this Tobacco-free/Nicotine-free Event Policy, contact the Iowa Cancer Consortium staff at staff@canceriowa.org.