

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

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This policy makes sure that all Iowa Cancer Consortium (the Consortium) events and event sites are free from commercial tobacco and nicotine. It does not apply to the use of traditional ceremonial tobacco as part of a recognized religious or cultural practice.

A "Consortium event" is any activity organized or run by the Consortium, including setup and takedown. The "event site" is the entire area where the event happens, including all spaces and structures like parking lots, loading docks, exhibit halls, conference rooms, dining areas, bathrooms, stages, sports facilities, walkways, and roads.

The use of commercial tobacco and nicotine products, including cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD), and any nicotine products not approved by the FDA for quitting tobacco, is always banned on event grounds. This rule applies to everyone, including employees, contractors, board members, event participants, and the public.

This policy is enforced in addition to Iowa Code 142D, which bans smoking in enclosed common areas like meeting rooms, lounges, hallways, restrooms, elevators, stairways, and company/organization-owned vehicles.

This Policy also aligns with and supports the Consortium's Gift Acceptance Policy (view all Iowa Cancer Consortium policies at <https://canceriowa.org/aboutus/policies>), which prohibits the Consortium from accepting financial support, including event sponsorship, from entities whose missions or motives do not align with its own. Specifically, the Consortium will not solicit or accept money from any member or part of the tobacco industry.

During events, signs promoting a tobacco- and nicotine-free event will be clearly posted, and attendees will be informed about the policy. Staff, board members, and other Iowa Cancer Consortium representatives will enforce this policy. Anyone violating it will be asked to stop using tobacco and nicotine or be removed from the grounds.

Questions about this Commercial Tobacco-free/Nicotine-free Events Policy can be directed to the Iowa Cancer Consortium staff at [staff@canceriowa.org](mailto:staff@canceriowa.org).

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*This and other Iowa Cancer Consortium policies align with our commitment to inclusion and respect for all individuals. Our approach is one of openness and shared humanity. We strive to create a space where diverse voices, bodies, and brains are welcomed and valued. We ensure every person's unique story and connection to cancer are met with unwavering support. Together, we are building a stronger network that better reflects and includes all of Iowa's communities.*