

1. Why is WWCC going tobacco-free?

Walla Walla Community College is committed to creating the healthiest possible learning and working environment for our students, staff and visitors. In 2013 WWCC joined the Fresh Air Campus Challenge and has been taking steps to move toward a smoke or tobacco-free campus since then. To date, there are 1,544 smoke-free campuses in the United States and about two-thirds are completely tobacco-free.

2. How do we enforce a tobacco-free campus policy?

Ultimately, it is everyone's responsibility to follow WWCC policy while on College property. Education, intensive initial communication, and an emphasis on positive intervention and peer enforcement have been found effective in generating voluntary compliance. Therefore, we ask that everyone remind each other that we are a tobacco-free campus.

3. What should I do if I see an employee, student or visitor using tobacco on campus?

With the utmost courtesy and respect, remind the person that WWCC is a tobacco-free campus. We recognize that not everyone will feel comfortable approaching tobacco users, but we encourage the campus community to assist with compliance by communicating the new policy openly.

4. Can I smoke in my car?

The entire WWCC campus is tobacco-free, including parking lots.

5. What resources are available to help me stop using tobacco?

WWCC is committed to helping students and employees manage or overcome their tobacco use. Cessation courses will be offered for no charge through our Community Education department for FREE. Call 509-527-4331 to register. Additional free resources are available at www.quitline.com or by calling 1-800-Quit-Now (1-800-784-8669) or in Spanish 1-877-2No-Fume (1-877-266-3863).

6. How can I ask questions or address concerns that I have about the tobacco-free campus policy?

Questions and concerns can be directed to our Human Resources Director, Sherry Hartford, or our Student Activities Director, Tim Toon.