

SUNY State College of Optometry Smoke-Free Policy

Purpose:

This smoke-free policy has been developed to comply with the requirements of federal, state, city, and SUNY regulations. In addition, the policy is developed to sustain a healthy, productive, and safe environment and to protect all members of the college community, including visitors and University Eye Center (UEC) patients, from secondhand smoke – an established cause of cancer and respiratory disease.

Policy:

Effective July 1, 2010, the SUNY State College of Optometry is a “Smoke-Free” campus. Smoking is not permitted within the building and outside the building within the property line on sidewalks both at the 42nd and 43rd street sides of the building. In addition, smoking is prohibited inside college vehicles. No Smoking signs have been visibly posted at all entrances and other prominent places.

Compliance:

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, and UEC patients. The effective date is July 1, 2010. The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.

Copies of this policy shall be distributed to all faculty, staff, and students.

Any person who violates this policy may be subject to corrective action through established college procedure for handling work-related problems.

Smoking Cessation Opportunities:

The College encourages all smoking members of the college community to quit smoking. Smoking cessation information is available from the New York Smokers’ Quit Line at 1-866-NY QUIT (1-866-697-8487).

Questions:

Any questions with regards to this smoke-free policy should be directed to the Environmental Health & Safety Office at 212 938 5581.



Dr. David Heath, President

July 1, 2010
Date