

Use of Tobacco Products Policy

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Use of tobacco or nicotine delivery products at DeMolay functions in Washington State is prohibited. This policy applies equally to DeMolays, Advisors, and all Guests and does not supersede or conflict with (but is likely stricter than) any federal, state or local laws or ordinances.

“Tobacco Products” includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, e-cigarettes, vaping, JUUL, or any other nicotine delivery product. Regardless of the presence of a public smoking area, DeMolays, Advisors, and all Guests should refrain from smoking in the presence of DeMolay members who are not of lawful age (twenty-one years old). Remember the saying “as a member of DeMolay, you don’t turn 18 until you become 21.”

In no instance should the actions of a DeMolay or Advisor lead anyone to believe that the Order of DeMolay or its leadership endorses the dangerous habit of smoking or using tobacco products.

Any observance of violations to this Use of Tobacco Products Policy either witnessed, rumored, or suspected must be reported to the Chapter Dad Advisor and/or Advisory Council Chairman immediately for action by the individual’s Chapter Advisory Council.

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Items for Reference

Washington State Tobacco Law RCW 26.28.080 -

It is illegal for anyone (including parents) to sell or give tobacco to minors under the age of 18. This also includes: cigars, cigarettes, cigarette paper or wrapper or tobacco in any form.

Vapor Product Laws -

In 2016, the Washington State Legislature passed a law (RCW 70.345) to regulate vapor products. Among other things, the law prohibits the sale of vapor products to people under 18 years of age, requires sellers to obtain a license and requires that vapor products in stores are inaccessible to minors. JUUL’s are covered under Washington State’s Vapor Product Law.

Smoking in Public Places Law -

On November 8, 2005, Washingtonians made a healthy choice by voting to pass Initiative 901. This became RCW 70.160. The law prohibits smoking in all restaurants and bars by amending the state's 1985 Clean Indoor Air Act. Today, the definition of "public place" includes bars, restaurants, bowling centers, skating rinks, and non-tribal casinos. The definition also includes private residences used to provide childcare, foster care, adult care, or similar social services, and at least 75 percent of the sleeping quarters within a hotel. The Smoking in Public Places law also prohibits smoking within 25 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited.

JUUL –

As of August 2017, the JUUL website has required people to be 21 to purchase items online. They have age verification software that utilized public records and requires an ID upload if records are unavailable. However instead of buying direct, most teenagers often get older friends or siblings to buy JUUL products for them. Refill pods are commonly sold through their school networks, friends or gas stations and conveniences stores that don't always check ID.