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Revised Sedgwick County Smoking Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all citizens and employees of Sedgwick County have access to healthy environments free from the harmful effects of second-hand tobacco smoke.

What's the new policy?

The revised policy 4.309 and chapter 20 of the code extends the prohibited smoking area beyond the inside of County-owned, -occupied or -leased buildings to 25 feet of exterior doors, operable windows and air intake vents of such buildings. Employees, and visitors will also be prohibited from smoking in other areas that are clearly designated as "non-smoking."

Smoking in County-owned or -leased vehicles and equipment is prohibited except where there is a reasonable law enforcement purpose to do so.

For More Information:

For general questions, call the Sedgwick County DIO—Facilities Dept. (316) 660-9800.

How has this policy changed?

Prior to this revision, employees who work in and citizens who visit County properties were not permitted to smoke inside buildings, but could smoke directly outside their doors. It has been determined second-hand smoke produces negative health effects, so the non-smoking perimeter was expanded.

How is this policy enforced?

Visitors to Sedgwick County facilities will encounter a polite reminder for first-time offences, then a citation(s) for repeat occurrences. Sedgwick County employees who violate the new policy should expect disciplinary action identical to that for violation of any other personnel policy.

The policy revision is effective as of March 21, 2007.



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