

Policy 1.21– Smoking in JR Programs and Facilities *Summary*

- Establishes policy regarding the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in accordance with RCW.

Background:

In March of 2020, a global pandemic called COVID-19 was declared. JR leadership decided to minimize the number of policy changes so JR staff could focus on the many additional ways they need to protect and support the JR youth and young adults in our care.

The existing policy did not undergo the typical sunset review, but rather was extended until the spring.

Policy Summary

The policy addresses the prohibition on youth and young adult’s possession and use of tobacco or nicotine products, including electronic smoking devices. Staff must not provide tobacco products or electronic smoking devices, nor permit them to be provided.

Staff must not use tobacco products or electronic smoking devices while supervising youth and young adults. Staff are allowed to use personal tobacco products or electronic smoking devices in designated areas, in accordance with state law.

Changes from Current Practice

- There are no changes to current practice or timelines.
- The policy sunset review date is extended to April 1, 2021.

Training Required: No

Policy Effective Date: July 28, 2016

*Staff are responsible for reading and understanding the information contained in the full policy.
Review of this summary is not sufficient for full understanding.*

POLICY 1.21 SMOKING IN JR PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

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Authorizing Sources

RCW 26.28.080
RCW 70.155.080
RCW 70.160

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4/1/2021

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document establishes policy governing the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes in JR programs and facilities.

All staff, contractors, volunteers, and interns working in or for Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) are responsible for reviewing and complying with JR policies.

II. POLICY

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS²

- 1. JR youth and young adults are not permitted to possess or use tobacco or nicotine products, including electronic smoking devices, at JR residential programs, community programs or contracted programs.**
- 2. Staff, contracted service providers and volunteers must not provide nor permit tobacco products or electronic smoking devices to be provided to JR youth or young adults.**
- 3. Staff, contracted service providers, and volunteers must not use tobacco products or electronic smoking devices while interacting with or supervising JR youth or young adults.**

¹ 12/12/19 Technical Edit: Updated DSHS references to DCYF.

² 9/16/2020 Technical Edit: Added “& Young Adults” for clarity to policy covering JR individuals age 18+.

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4. **Staff, contracted service providers and volunteers are permitted personal use of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices in designated areas.**
5. **Smoking by staff, contracted service providers and volunteers is prohibited within twenty five feet of entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area per RCW 70.160.075.**
6. **Smoking or the use of tobacco products is not permitted in state vehicles.**

SANCTIONS

7. **Failure to comply with the expectations contained in this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.**
8. **Staff who provide or permit tobacco products or smoking devices to be provided to JR youth or young adults may be charged with a gross misdemeanor per RCW 26.28.080.**

III. DEFINITIONS

Electronic Smoking Device: An electronic or battery-operated device, the use of which resembles smoking, which can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device. Electronic smoking devices include e-cigarettes and vapor products.

Smoking: The act of inhalation of tobacco or other substances, carrying or smoking any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment, including the use of electronic smoking devices.

Tobacco Product: Products made, in part or in whole, from tobacco leaves.
